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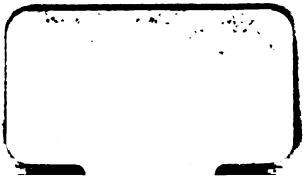

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ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was held in their rooms last evening. The retiring President, William D. Fobes, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Dr. Leon F. Harvey, and approved.

The Secretary read the following report of the Board of Managers:

To the Buffalo Historical Society:

The Board of Managers respectfully present their annual report of the acquisitions and transactions of the society for the preceding year. Condition of the treasury:

GENERAL FUND.

1884, Jan. 1, To balance in treasury..... ...	$91.65
1884. Dec. 31, To receipts for the year.....	1,291.22
	$1,382.87
1884, Dec. 31, By payments during the year.....	$1,296.10
Balance in treasury, General Fund..	$86.77

PERMANENT FUND.

1884, Jan. 1, To balance in treasury.....	$8,798.20
1884, Dec. 31, To receipts for the year.....	262.24
Amount in treasury, Permanent Fund.....	$9,060.44

In addition to the above amount now on hand, the society will ultimately receive about $5,000 from legacies, the generous gifts of deceased citizens; thus ensuring the permanence of our growing and flourishing institution.

INCREASE OF THE LIBRARY.

During the year 1884 there were added to the library by gift 1,071 volumes, 126 periodicals and 530 pamphlets.

The whole number of bound volumes in the library at the end of the year was 7,789, including duplicates, and of unbound pamphlets 6,361.

The most noteworthy gift of the past year was received from the Hon. Jonathan Scoville, of 133 volumes, miscellaneous historical books and one atlas.

MANUSCRIPTS.

This collection, though not large, contains many records possessing great historical value. We have 108 single and 18 bound volumes of manuscripts, not including autograph letters or correspondence. One addition for the year, elegantly bound and full of interest, entitled "The Confederacy of the Iroquois," by the late Hon. Thomas H. Maxwell, of Elmira, N. Y., presented by his daughter, Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse, of New York City.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

The daily and Sunday *Times* for 1883 in two bound volumes. A complete file of the daily *Commercial Advertiser*, the *Courier*, the *Express*, the *Times*, the *Telegraph*, the *Chamber of Commerce Journal and Exhibition Reporter*, and the *Sunday Truth*, for 1884, have been added to this department, besides 138 miscellaneous newspapers, containing biographical and histori-

cal sketches. The bound newspapers, daily and weekly, number, including duplicates, 517 volumes. The number of unbound volumes is 12.

MAPS, CHARTS AND ATLASES.

We have in the library 97 boundary maps, 28 of them are on rollers; 363 miscellaneous (printed and manuscript), 62 are on rollers and the balance in sheets; 47 pocket maps and 2 large volumes of miscellaneous, 74 government coast surveys, 60 charts of the northwestern lakes and River St. Lawrence, 2 charts of universal history and 7 atlases. All the maps and charts not on rollers are carefully arranged in portfolios, numbered and indexed. Valuable contributions to this department were received from the Hon. Jonathan Scoville, the Hon. William F. Rogers, William B. Rochester, Paymaster-General United States Army, Maurice Kingsley, Willard Glazier, Miss Grace E. Bird and Miss Mary S. Cotton.

PORTRAITS IN OIL.

This collection now amounts to fifty-eight. Five were added during the year, all of them fine works of art and of the most distinguished citizens of our state. One of ex-President Martin Van Buren, presented by Mrs. James G. Dickie; one of the late Rev. John C. Lord, D. D., presented by Mrs. William C. Sherwood; three were presented by Mrs. M. E. Richmond of Batavia, N. Y., widow of Dean Richmond, namely, ex-Governor Horatio Seymour, the late Hon. Erastus Corning and Edwin Croswell, late of Albany. It is earnestly hoped that the present year may witness many accessions to this important department.

PHOTOGRAPHS, PICTURES, ETC.

The number of photographs of large imperial size is 152; crayon, pastel and India ink, 34; photographs of a smaller size in albums, 781; in groups or collections, 89; daguerreotypes of cabinet size, 24; plates, portraits, views of scenery and buildings, etc., in portfolios, properly indexed, 181; mis-

cellaneous pictures and documents framed, 119. Six portraits in frame were gifts to this collection in the past year, viz.: One of our President, Wm. Dana Fobes, presented by himself; one of the late Asher P. Nichols, presented by his wife; one of Mrs. Frederick B. Merrill, *nee* Sophia Ransom, deceased, the first white child born in Buffalo, February, 1798. The portrait is a copy of the original oil painting presented to the Common Council in 1850, which was afterwards burned; it was presented by Mrs. Lewis L. Stevens; one of Dr. Franklin Ransom, presented by Mrs. Mary R. Turney; one of the late James R. Bentley, presented by Wm. S. Sage, and one of our Corresponding Secretary, presented by himself.

RELICS OF THE PAST.

Large additions to these memorials have been made since our last report. The case of relics from the battle-fields of Gettysburg and Antietam, and the defences of Washington, presented by the late Julius E. Francis, add peculiar value to our collection. Many contributions of an important character have also been made to our cabinets of autographs, manuscripts, coins and currency. We may add in this connection that it is intimated in the *Waterloo Observer* of the 10th ult. that when the Buffalo Historical Society move into their new quarters their rooms may possibly be enriched by the addition to this department of a choice collection of historical Indian relics, displayed in appropriate cases, and prominently marked as the "F. H. Furniss Collection."

BUSTS.

We have six busts, a small but interesting collection, two of which were gifts to the library in the past year. One of the Hon. E. G. Spaulding, presented by himself, the other of the late Col. William A. Bird, presented by his daughter, Miss Grace E.

The society is the depository of many valuable manuscripts besides those enumerated, Indian relics, battle-flags, trophies and mementoes of the recent war, and many other articles too numerous for detailed description.

OBITUARY RECORD.

This commences in 1811, and has been brought down to the present time. Eleven hundred and twenty-nine names of citizens of Erie County were added during 1884, of the age of twenty years old and upward. This society, as well as our country, has sustained a great loss in the death of Orsamus H. Marshall, in July last. He was one of the founders of our society, and its president in 1870, and always greatly interested in its prosperity. His researches and contributions to the historical literature of our country have placed him in the front rank of ethnologists, especially as to matters connected with the aborigines.

MARRIAGE RECORD.

From the same period this embraces all the marriages which have been announced in the Buffalo papers. Eight hundred and seventy-eight were reported during the past year and have been entered upon our record alphabetically, under the surname of each party.

MEMBERSHIP.

During the year six life, twenty-four resident and eight corresponding members were added to the society, and the following-named members have died: John V. Tifft, James Aigin, John Allen, Jr., O. H. Marshall, John D. Shepard, Hon. Charles James Folger, Uriel Driggs, C. C. Bristol, Thompson Hersee.

The membership roll shows two hundred and seventy-three resident (including sixty-five life), three hundred and sixty-six corresponding and thirty-one honorary.

CLUB MEETINGS.

The first and only club meeting held last winter was at the home of William C. Bryant, February 18, at which a paper was read, by Mr. L. G. Sellstedt, on the late Dr. W. K. Scott.

These meetings have been helpful to the society, and this branch of the society's work should be revived.

The most noteworthy events in the history of the society for the past year have been the opening of the rooms Friday evenings, last winter and spring, to the general public. This was done with a view to popularize the society and, if possible, increase its membership. Our register shows more visitors to the rooms in 1884 than for the twenty years previous. Of this large number many were searchers for historic truth, and the library has throughout the year been a scene of activity. As it has always been our purpose to collect and to render accessible to the public the material for history, they availed themselves of it, and obtained from script or volume the information sought. And those who came to inspect our collection of books, maps, pictures and relics, found no pleasanter way of getting acquainted with the most famous facts of the history of our city and of our home.

THE FILLMORE LIBRARY.

The settlement of the will contest of Caroline C. Fillmore, deceased, by the executor in April last, put our society in possession of the valuable library given to it by that distinguished lady over two years ago, consisting of six hundred and forty-three volumes miscellaneous books, sixty-nine magazines and one hundred and twenty-two pamphlets, mostly of a literary character. Nearly every book contains the autograph of that estimable lady. This library has been placed in a temporary case and set apart from our collection.

In our new quarters it will occupy an alcove and have our special care for the memories that cluster around it.

THE YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

It is with great pleasure we report an arrangement with the Executive Committee of the Young Men's Association in April last, by which the Historical Society is to have the occupancy of five rooms in the third story of their projected building for twenty-five years, free of rent. This will be a saving to this

society of $400 per year, the rent we now pay, and in the aggregate of $10,000.

These rooms will be divided by arches or sliding doors, as the society may direct, and will give us 9,444 square feet of space, or nearly three times the space we now occupy.

RED JACKET.

The re-interment of the remains of Red Jacket and other distinguished Indian chiefs, and the last council of the Six Nations, under the auspices of our society, were the most memorable events in the history of the American Indians in Western New York and Canada. The Senecas (in which Red Jacket was so conspicuous a figure) were once at the head of that powerful confederacy, called by the French "Iroquois," and known by the Americans under the name of the "Six Nations." From the earliest settlement of this country the Indian has drunk of the bitter cup of injustice. Hunted from river to river, from forest to forest, he arrives at the close of two centuries of struggles, fatigues and misery, poor and bereaved of all. For many years this society has taken a deep interest in this departing nation, and it has been its purpose to obtain and remove from neglected graves the remains of these great chiefs to a place of security in our beautiful Forest Lawn, and erect a monument that would not only be a credit to this society and our great city, but a memorial to the tribe that produced and reared so many statesmen, orators and warriors of whom any nation might well be proud.

It affords us pleasure to be able to report that our labor of love has, in part, been crowned with success. A beautiful lot in a sightly place was generously donated by the Forest Lawn Cemetery Association, and, on the ninth of October last, the remains of the mighty chiefs were re-interred with imposing ceremonies. Granite head-stones have been placed at their graves, and a substantial foundation for the proposed monument laid, and we have faith to believe that our public-spirited citizens, notwithstanding the many claims that are made upon them, will esteem it a privilege as well as pleasure to kindly

co-operate with us in the completion of the monument at an early day.

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial volume, have given it to the press and ordered two thousand copies to be printed.

A list of all gifts to the library and to the cabinets, is added to this report.

The report was unanimously adopted, and, on motion of Mr. Bryant, it was resolved to print seven hundred and fifty copies thereof.

A committee, consisting of William C. Bryant, Dr. A. T. Chester and E. S. Hawley, nominated the following gentlemen to serve as officers during the ensuing year, and they were duly elected:

President—William H. H. Newman.

Vice-President—James Sheldon.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian and Treasurer—George G. Barnum.

Recording Secretary—Dr. Leon F. Harvey.

Councillors—William D. Fobes, William C. Bryant, Thomas B. French, George W. Townsend, Charles B. Germain, Otto Besser, Rev. A. T. Chester, Gen, John C. Graves, Hon. James M. Smith, Maurice Kingsley, J. H. Tilden, Rev. Samson Falk, Emmor Haines, William K. Allen and Elias S. Hawley.

In this connection Judge Sheldon took occasion to remark that since President Fillmore held the office during several consecutive years, it has been the rule of the society not to re-elect the presiding officer. Mr. Newman held the office of president a few years ago, but was then unfortunate in his relations with the librarian. Being a man who had the interests of the society deeply at heart, the judge thought they were to be congratulated upon the election of a man of Mr. Newman's wealth, standing and position in the community.

Mr. Bryant offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the most cordial thanks of this society are due and are hereby tendered to our retiring President, William Dana Fobes, for the faithful, conscientious and able manner in which he has administered the duties of his office during his official term, and that this society takes pleasure in recording the fact that, entering upon his presidential duties at a most depressing and critical period in the history of this organization, Mr. Fobes' term has been signalized by a marked revival of interest and progress in all its departments.

In supporting the motion, Mr. Bryant remarked that after the loss of Mr. Fillmore and other old pillars of the society, its affairs had suffered a decline, but a new era of prosperity had dawned under Mr. Fobes' *regime*, and his faithful and regular attendance and unwavering enthusiasm had infused new zeal into their organization. Mr. Bryant put the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Fobes, in vacating the chair, thanked the gentlemen assembled for the kind mention that had been made of his name, but he thought that the progress made by the society was due quite as much to the labors of his associates as to any efforts of his own. He referred, especially, to the great and unremitting labor of their Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Barnum. During the past year many thousands of valuable books had come under their notice, all of which they could have wished to place upon their shelves. They had, however, been obliged to resist all such temptations and not a single volume had been added to their library by way of purchase, their great aim being to keep out of debt. The same reasons that governed them in this regard had prevented the carrying out of many improvements in the rooms that seemed absolutely necessary. They had confined themselves to those

necessities that were imperative for the accommodation of visitors.

Judge Sheldon, as Vice-President, then took the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Newman who is out of town. The opening address of the newly elected President was, for this reason, deferred.

This being all the business, a motion for adjournment was agreed.

CONTRIBUTIONS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1884.

American Numismatical and Archæological Society of New York. 1 Pamphlet.
Aigin, George H., Delaware, Ohio. 1 Paper.
Ashby, John E., Erie, Pa. 1 Picture.
Allen, W. D., Buffalo. 1 Picture.
American Cong'l Association, Boston, Mass. 1 Paper.
Adams, George H. & Son, New York. 1 Paper.
American Library Association, New York. 1 Pamphlet.
Buffalo Medical Journal Association. 1 Volume.
Bourinot, Hon. John George, Ottawa, Ont. 1 Pamphlet.
Buffalo State Asylum for the Insane. 1 Pamphlet.
Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. 2 Volumes and 11 Pamphlets.
Boutwell, Francis Marion, Groton, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Bostonian Society, Boston, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Birney, Gen. Wm., Washington, D. C. 1 Paper.
Barnum, Geo. G., Buffalo. 7 Volumes, 1 Map and 1 Photograph.
Brooklyn Revenue Reform Club. 1 Pamphlet.
Bryant, Wm. C., Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet.
Boston City Hospital, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Burt, B. B., Oswego, N. Y. 1 Paper.
Barnard, Hon. Joseph E., Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Bird, Miss Grace E., Buffalo. 1 Volume, 26 Maps and 1 Bust.
Barnum, A. M., New Orleans, La. 6 Papers.
Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C. 2 Volumes.
Conover, Hon. George S., Geneva, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet, 14 Papers and copies of Signature Tracing.
City Messenger, Boston, Mass. 2 Volumes.
Cobden Club, London, Eng. 1 Volume.
Curtin, Thomas, Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet.
Chamber of Commerce, New York. 1 Pamphlet.
Chamberlain, S., Buffalo. 10 Relics.
Clark, Zenas, Buffalo. 1 Snare Drum.
Corcoran, Wm. E., Buffalo. 2 Copper Coins.
Chicago Historical Society, Ill. 3 Volumes.
Chautauqua Society of History and Natural Science, Jamestown, N. Y. 2 Papers and 2 Pamphlets.
Cornwell, Wm. C., Buffalo. 2 Pamphlets.
Chicago Public Library, Ill. 1 Pamphlet.
Carr, Hon. Joseph B., Albany, N. Y. 4 Volumes.
Converse, Mrs. Harriet Maxwell, New York. 1 Volume and 1 Pamphlet.
Courtenay, Hon. Wm. A., Charleston, S. C. 1 Volume.
Clinton, Hon. Geo., Buffalo. 1 Volume and 1 Pamphlet.

Clark, G. W. C., New York. Complete file of the Chamber of Commerce Journal and Exhibition Reporter for 1884. 1 Volume.
Cotton, Miss Mary S., Buffalo. 3 Volumes and 1 Historical Chart.
Department of State, Washington, D. C. 19 Volumes.
Douglas, W. Roy, Nashville, Tenn. 1 Volume and 1 Specimen.
Dickie, Mrs. James G., Buffalo. 1 Portrait in Oil.
Davis, Miles A., Palmyra, N. Y. 1 Paper.
Duncan, John, Buffalo. 2 Volumes, 2 Pamphlets, 9 Papers, 1 Litho. and 1 Map.
Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica, N. Y. 1 Paper.
Every Other Saturday Publishing Co., Boston, Mass. 2 Papers.
Edwards, Louisa F., Newton, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Edson, Obed, Sinclairville, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet.
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass. 7 Pamphlets.
Farmer, E. J., Cleveland, Ohio. 1 Volume.
Furniss, F. H., Waterloo, N. Y. 2 Pamphlets, 10 Papers and 1 Chromo.
Fillmore, Mrs. Caroline C., Estate, Buffalo. 643 Volumes, 122 Pamphlets and 69 Magazines.
Fobes, Wm. Dana, Buffalo. 24 Volumes, 4 Pamphlets, 2 Papers and 1 Photograph.
Friends' Historical Association, Philadelphia, Pa. 11 Volumes and 15 Pamphlets.
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. 12 Vols. and 3 Pamphlets.
Francis, Julius E., Estate, Buffalo. 1 Case of Relics.
Foster, Milburn & Co., Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet.
Gleason, A. W., Toledo, Ohio. 1 Volume, 2 Pamphlets and 1 Paper.
Glazier, Capt. Willard, New York. 3 Volumes, 1 Map and 1 Paper.
Greer, Mrs. Robert, Sarasota, Florida. 1 Pamphlet and 1 Paper.
Green, Rev. Rufus S., Buffalo. 1 Volume, 2 Pamphlets and 1 Paper.
Goodwin, Daniel J., Chicago, Ill. 1 Volume.
German Society of New York. 1 Pamphlet.
Green, Hon. Samuel A., Boston, Mass. 15 Pamphlets and 8 Cards.
Hawley, Hon. E. S., Buffalo. 2 Pamphlets.
Hayes, Rev. Charles W., Westfield, N. Y. 1 Volume and 1 Pamphlet.
Hulbert, George H., Waterloo, N. Y. 2 Papers.
Hart, Charles Henry, Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Pamphlet.
Hadley, Miss Mary H., Buffalo. 1 Volume and 53 Pamphlets.
Hammatt, E. R., Buffalo. 1 Newspaper.
Harris, George H., Rochester, N. Y. 4 Papers.
Hodge, Wm., Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet.
Hayden, Rev. Horace E., Wilkesbarre, Pa. 2 Pamphlets.
Hall, Hiland N., Bennington, Vt. 1 Pamphlet.
Hurlbert, Henry H., Chicago, Ill. 2 Volumes.
Heaton, G. L., Silver Creek, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet.
Hall, Wm. Mosely, Stamford, Conn. 1 Paper.
Hausauer & Rappold, Buffalo. Complete file of the Sunday Truth for 1884. 1 Volume.
Historical and Philosophical Society of Cincinnati, Ohio. Annual Reports for 1884.
Hopkins Johns University, Baltimore, Md. 2 Pamphlets.
Iowa Historical Society, Iowa City. 1 Pamphlet.
Jung, Rev. E., Buffalo. 1 Picture.

Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka. 1 Paper.
Kusz & Co., Manzano, New Mexico. 1 Volume and 2 Papers.
Kingsley, Maurice, Buffalo. 10 Volumes, 4 Magazines and 1 Atlas.
Ketchum, Mrs. Wm., Buffalo. 21 Volumes, 37 Pamphlets and 19 Magazines.
Ladies' Floral Cabinet Co., New York City. 1 Magazine.
Livingston County Historical Society, Mt. Morris, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet.
Lee, John R., Buffalo. 6 Volumes.
Library Company of Philadelphia, Pa. 2 Pamphlets.
Lambing, Rev. A. A., Pittsburg, Pa. 1 Pamphlet.
Lockwood, Hon. D. N., Buffalo. 19 Volumes.
Minnesota Academy of Natural Science, Minneapolis. 1 Volume.
Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore. 1 Volume, 1 Pamphlet and Cards.
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston. 1 Volume and 8 Pamphlets.
Mayhew, Wm. C., Buffalo. 1 Leather Fire Bucket.
Mason, D. & Co., Syracuse, N. Y. 2 Volumes.
Magazine of Western History, Cleveland, Ohio. 1 Magazine.
Matthews, J. N., Buffalo. Complete file of the Express for 1884. 2 Volumes.
Mack, Norman E., Buffalo. Complete file of the Daily Times for 1883 and 1884. 4 Volumes.
McKay, Alexander, Buffalo. 1 Volume.
New England Historic and Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass. 2 Volumes and 4 Pamphlets.
Norman, Wm. L., Lockport, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet.
New York Historical Society. 1 Volume.
Nichols, Mrs. Asher P. 1 Photograph.
Niagara University, Buffalo. 2 Pamphlets.
Norton, Gen. C. B., London, Eng. 2 Pamphlets.
Newburgh Bay and the Highlands Historical Society. 1 Pamphlet.
Newman, Wm. H. H., Buffalo. 2 Volumes, 2 Pamphlets and 1 Badge.
Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N. Y. 1 Volume, 8 Pamphlets, 3 Papers and copy of signers to a treaty.
Old Residents' Historical Association, Lowell, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Porter, Fitz John, Morristown, N. J. 5 Pamphlets and 1 Paper.
Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio. 1 Pamphlet.
Phelps, Hon. Wm. Walter, Washington, D. C. 2 Pamphlets.
Pease, F. S., Buffalo. 2 Pamphlets.
Pope, Albert A., Boston, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Pamphlet.
Pierce, Mrs. Mary J., Versailles, N. Y. 3 Volumes, 1 Silver Medal and valuable documentary history.
Rochester, Wm. B., Paymaster-General U. S. A., Washington, D. C. 5 Volumes, 4 Pamphlets, 1 Paper and 1 Map.
Rogers, Hon. Wm. F., Washington, D. C. 42 Volumes, 6 Pamphlets and 1 Map.
Richmond, James, Toronto, Ont. 1 Valuable Autograph Letter.
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence. 2 Pamphlets.
Royal Society of Canada, Montreal, P. Q. 1 Volume.
Rice, Franklin P., Worcester, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Richmond, Mrs. M. E., Batavia, N. Y. 3 Portraits in Oil—Life Size.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Vestry Committee, Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Slocum, Hon. H. W., Washington, D. C. 1 Pamphlet.
Shaw, G. A., New York. 52 Papers.
Scoville, Hon. Jonathan, Buffalo. 133 Volumes and 1 Atlas.
State Library, Boston, Mass. 1 Volume.
State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison. 1 Pamphlet.
Schild, Rev. Charles L., Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet.
Schenkleberger, Jacob, Buffalo. 1 Paper.
Slade, Wm. H., Buffalo. 1 Picture.
Spaulding, Hon. E. G., Buffalo. 1 Bust.
Sicard, George J., Buffalo. 2 Volumes.
Schmitthenner, Wm. A , New York. 1 Pamphlet.
Science Company, Cambridge, Mass. 1 Magazine.
Snow, Dr. George B., Buffalo. 3 Volumes.
Stevens, Mrs. Lewis L., Buffalo. 1 Portrait and 6 Relics.
Storrs, R. S., Longmeadow, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Slater, John S., Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Pamphlet and 1 Paper.
Sheldon, Hon. James, Buffalo. 6 Volumes.
Salter, Rev. Wm., Burlington, Iowa. 1 Pamphlet.
Sage, William S., Buffalo. 1 Photograph.
Smith, Lloyd P., Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Pamphlet.
Titus, Hon. R. C., Buffalo. 4 Volumes.
Tennessee Historical Society, Nashville. 1 Pamphlet and $540 in Rebel Currency.
Thompson, A. Porter, and others, Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet.
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. 1 Volume.
Thurstone, Wm., Buffalo. 2 Pamphlets.
Turney, Mrs. Mary, Buffalo. 1 Photograph.
Townsend, Geo. W., Buffalo. 1 Paper.
Taber, Asa L., Springville, N. Y. 1 Paper.
Telegraph Publishing Co., Buffalo. Complete file of the Telegraph for 1884. 2 Volumes.
Unknown. 1 Newspaper.
University of California, Berkeley. 21 Pamphlets.
Van Deventer, C. C., Buffalo. 38 Volumes and 147 Pamphlets.
Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkesbarre, Pa. 7 Pamphlets.
Waterloo Library and Historical Society, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet and 1 Paper.
Williams, Mosely H., Philadelphia, Pa. 14 Papers.
Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. 1 Pamphlet.
Wells College, Aurora, Cayuga Lake, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet.
Women's Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Pamphlet.
Western Pennsylvania Historical Society, Pittsburgh, Pa. 1 Pamphlet.
Wilcox, Mrs. Birdsey, Philadelphia, Pa. 3 Volumes.
Watson, S. M., Portland, Maine. 1 Pamphlet.
Whitcomb, George, Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Warren, James D., Buffalo. Complete file of the Commercial Advertiser for 1884. 2 Volumes.
Yale College, New Haven, Conn. 3 Pamphlets.
Young Men's Association, Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet.

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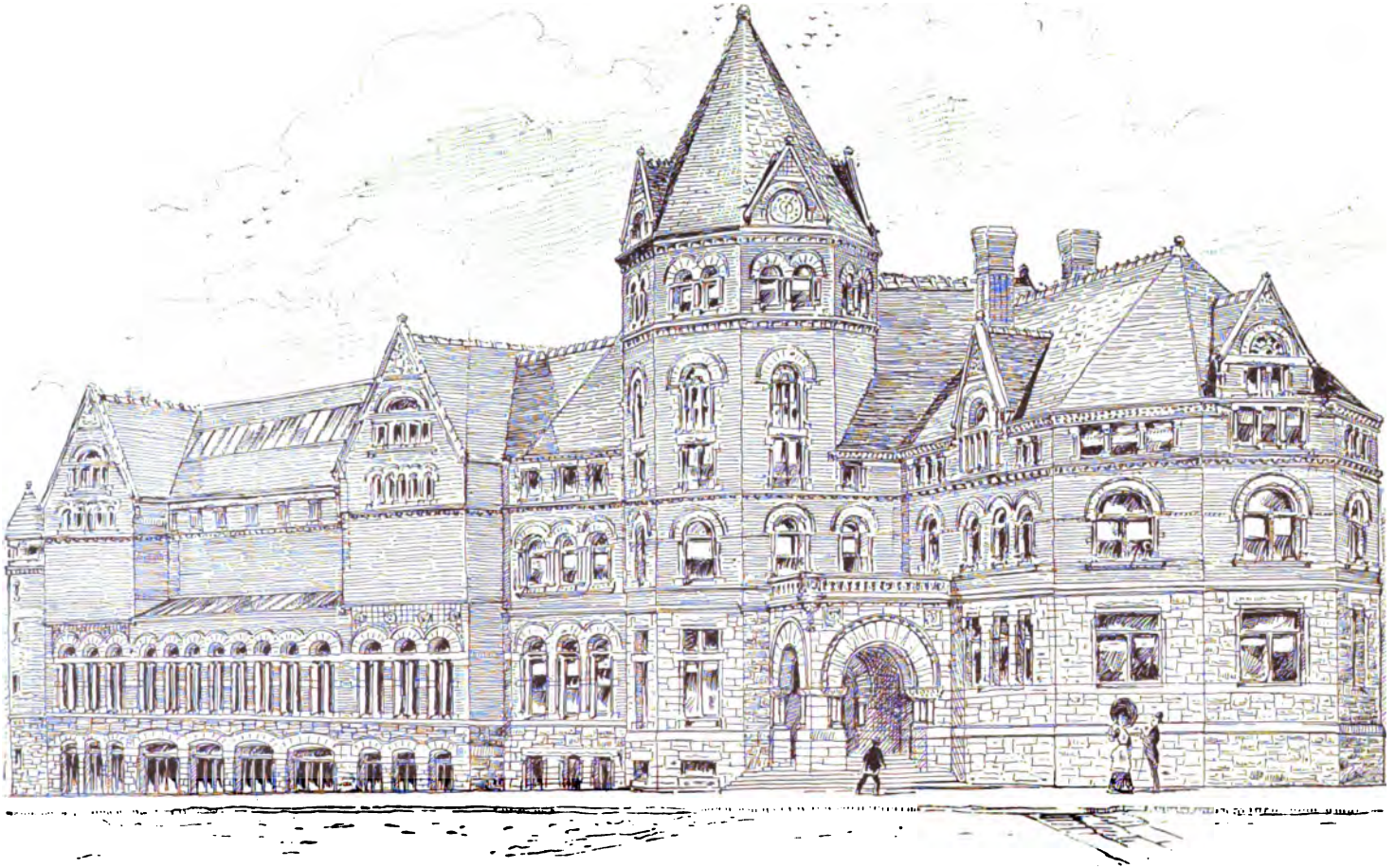

VIEW OF YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION BUILDING, BUFFALO.
Containing Buffalo Historical Society Rooms.

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OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

JANUARY 12, 1886,

AND

THE SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS,

WITH AN APPENDIX, CONTAINING A REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT NIAGARA FALLS, JULY 15TH, 1885, DEDICATING THE NEW YORK STATE RESERVATION, OR "FREE NIAGARA" TO THE WORLD.

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ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was held in their rooms on the evening of the 12th of January, 1886. William H. H. Newman, the retiring President, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. The minutes of last annual meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

The Secretary read the following annual report of the Board of Managers:

To the Buffalo Historical Society:

The Board of Managers respectfully present their Annual Report of the acquisitions and transactions of the Society for the year 1885. Condition of the finances:

GENERAL FUND.

1885, Jan. 1,	To balance in treasury	$ 86.77
1885, Dec. 31,	To receipts for the year	1,151.56
		$ 1,238.33
1885, Dec. 31,	By payments during the year	1,167.46
	Balance in treasury, General Fund	$ 70.87

PERMANENT FUND.

1885, Jan. 1,	To balance in treasury	$ 9,060.44
1885, Dec. 31,	To receipts for the year	2,000.00
	Amount in treasury, Permanent Fund	$11,060.44

THE LIBRARY.

During the year 1885 there were added to the Library 448 Volumes, 27 Periodicals and 309 Pamphlets. Of the above works all were donated except four volumes, costing $15.

The whole number of bound volumes in the Library at the end of the year was 8,237, including duplicates, and of unbound pamphlets, 6,670.

The oldest book in the collection was published in London in 1599.

The increase of the Library has been very satisfactory. Each successive year brings with it rare and valuable additions to our collection.

MANUSCRIPTS.

Since the last report our Manuscript Collection has received several valuable accessions.

The Hon. Henry C. Van Schaack, of Manlius, N. Y., sends us a carefully written paper on "Reminiscences of a Four Years' Residence on the Niagara Frontier, from 1823 to 1827."

Bruce J. Stephens, of Madison, Wis., contributes a "Journal of the Expedition of General Sullivan against the Senecas in 1779, by his Great Grandfather, Major John Burrows."

Major G. L. Heaton, of Silver Creek, N. Y., presents us with a very interesting history of the famous "Big Black Walnut Tree," found near that village, December, 1814.

Elijah Knight, of Grand Rapids, Mich., donates a valuable and especially interesting paper on his "Early Recollections of Erie County and Western New York."

From Henry D. Ewell we have received a history of the town of Alden, by his father, the late Ervin H. Ewell, covering a period of sixty-six years, beginning with the first settler in 1810.

D. R. Bacon, of Le Roy, Genesee Co., N. Y., pre-

sented an interesting paper on the Fossilized Leaves, found in a quarry at Mumford, N. Y., of which the church in that place was built in 1875, and of the geological features of the section of country where the same was found.

The Society now possesses 114 single and 22 bound volumes of the Manuscripts, not including autograph letters, correspondence, or many papers that have been published.

A large number of these are ready for publication when funds can be obtained.

The oldest Manuscript Volume in the collection was beautifully written in Antique German in 1576.

PORTRAITS IN OIL.

Our Portrait Gallery which adorns the walls of the Library has secured some valuable additions, increasing the number to 61.

Andrew Simson, the photographer, presents us with a very fine portrait of the late Rev. Edward Ingersoll, D. D., painted from life by Pease, in 1860.

James C. Beecher, Esq., contributes one of Capt. E. P. Dorr, deceased, a fine work of art, painted in Hong Kong, China.

And the late James Smith bequeathed a portrait of himself, life size, and a valuable oil painting of the St. Andrew's Supper, held at American Hall in 1843.

Our collection of early Buffalonians is already a very interesting and notable one, and our Society should make a special effort to secure more of the old pioneers and public men of our city, who were, or who still are, the builders and life of Buffalo.

Ample accommodation will be assigned to this branch of our collection in the new apartments we expect to occupy in the Young Men's Association building.

MAPS, CHARTS AND ATLASES.

To this collection we have made a very satisfactory addition.

We have in the Library 473 Miscellaneous Maps (printed and manuscript); 90 of them are on rollers and the balance in sheets.

One large volume War Maps; one of City Maps and 48 Pocket Maps.

Sixty Charts of the Northwestern Lakes and River St. Lawrence; two Charts of Universal History; seventy-four Government Coast Surveys, and twelve Atlases.

All the Maps and Charts not on rollers are carefully arranged in portfolios, numbered and indexed.

Valuable contributions to this department were received from Wm. H. H. Newman, Gen. Wm. B. Rochester, John R. Lee, and Hon. Charles N. Bell, of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

RELICS OF THE PAST.

The Society has an exceedingly interesting and valuable collection of Historical Relics and Curiosities.

Battle Flags, Mementoes and Trophies of the Revolution; The War of 1812; the Mexican and Patriot Wars, and the Rebellion; Relics, Curios and Antiquities, from Europe, Asia, Africa and Islands of the Sea. Relics of Lake Marine, from the earliest times; interesting Memorials of the Mound Builders; of the Indian Tribes that once owned our soil; and of the Early Settlers and Pioneers of Western New York. These Historical Relics are of great value in the study of history, and the visitors they attract, regard them with very great interest.

We are indebted to Maurice Kingsley, of New Haven, Conn., for a valuable collection of Indian relics from Tennessee, of the Aboriginal Tribes.

Alvah Church donated a small case of relics from Andersonville prison, Ga.

Miss Emma L. Forbush and Mrs. John D. Sidway kindly contributed relics of the Marshall House, Alexandria, Va., where the lamented Colonel Ellsworth was shot.

Charles W. Dobbins presented a beautiful case of Indian relics of his own collecting on the Niagara Frontier.

Daniel Brown presented a Musket which he carried when a member of the Union Continentals in 1861.

PHOTOGRAPHS, PICTURES, ETC.

Seven portraits, in handsome, ornamented frames, were gifts to this collection in the past year.

One of the late Hon. John Ganson, presented by his widow. One of James Tillinghast, presented by himself. One of the late Judge George W. Clinton, and one of Thomas Jamison, a Seneca Chief, donated by William C. Bryant. One of the Hon. William P. Letchworth, presented by himself. One of the late Harlow French, the gift of his son, Thomas B. French One of F. H. Furniss, a Seneca Chief in his war costume, presented by himself. Making the whole number of photographs of large imperial size, 193; in collections, 89; daguerreotypes of cabinet size, 24; photographs of a smaller size in albums, 788; plates, portraits, views of scenery and buildings, etc., in portfolios, properly indexed, 185; miscellaneous pictures and documents framed, 123.

Donations to the albums have been received from Hon. George S. Conover, Wm. C. Bryant, Major F. H. Furniss, James N. Matthews and Elijah Knight.

AUTOGRAPHS.

These comprise three volumes of Autograph Letters of distinguished personages, and one volume autographs of early Settlers and Pioneers of Western New York.

Several very interesting and valuable additions have been made to this collection of the Society.

James Richmond, of Toronto, Ont., presents an auto-

graph letter written by the Countess Margaret Bellinger during the siege of Paris, 1870. It is addressed to Capt. Pole, Aberwaith, Wales. It is written on paper about four by six inches. On the first two pages of which is printed the Commune paper of that day. The letter was sent by balloon post, the only mode of communication with the outside world for Paris at that time.

William B. Rochester, Paymaster-General U. S. Army, Washington, donates a most valuable historic curiosity and relic of the war of the Rebellion, being two autograph endorsements of Abraham Lincoln. It was in the case of Captain de Bourry, a distinguished Austrian officer, and contains two of President Lincoln's pointed notes relative to payment for the officer's services, so illustrative of his sense of right and justice. This document is handsomely framed, and is a very valuable addition to the collection of the Society.

James Sweeney of this city sent us from New Hampshire, autographs of Francis Long and Maurice Connell, two of the survivors of the Greely Arctic Expedition. Connell is the one that was taken up for dead.

NEWSPAPERS.

Our collection of Newspapers has become an important feature of our Library.

During the past year there have been added to this department 133 volumes; of this number 97 volumes were the noble gift of George L. Squier.

Complete files of the Buffalo *Daily Express*, the *Commercial Advertiser*, the *Times*, the *Sunday Truth*, the *Voice* and the *Telegraph* for 1885, have been regularly sent to us, and are the generous gifts of the publishers.

We have received by purchase, the *Daily Courier* and the *Sunday News*, for 1885, besides 117 miscellaneous newspapers containing Biographical and Historical sketches.

All our newspapers have been bound as soon as

volumes are completed, and placed on file in the Library room of the Society.

The bound newspapers, daily and weekly, number (including duplicates) 682 volumes.

The number of unbound volumes is 48. We feel proud of our newspaper collection. As material for history, we cannot fully estimate their value. They form almost the only record of innumerable facts and passing events that are not preserved in any other shape, and during the past year have been consulted oftener than any other department of our Library, as they reach back to the issue of the first paper in this city and vicinity.

We ask our friends who may possess old files to bestow them upon the Society.

BUSTS.

This collection now amounts to seven. One addition for the year, of the late Right-Rev. John Timon, presented by Right-Rev. Stephen V. Ryan.

We confidently expect to receive before the close of the present year, a Marble Bust of the late Julius E. Francis. Orders were given by his executors some time ago to Messrs. Ivo & Wegenaar, sculptors, to begin the work.

Will not the members lend their aid to enlarge this collection?

THE CABINET.

Our cabinet has received many articles of historic value. Among the objects of interest which have been added are

A Miniature Statue of Liberty enlightening the world, and Medal commemorating the opening of the State Reservation Park, at Niagara Falls, from W. H. H. Newman.

Military Buttons, plowed up when Tecumseh fell, from Peter Eberhart.

A drawing of the Washington Monument, and one

Maximilian Mexican Imperial Silver Dollar, 1866, from General Wm. B. Rochester, Washington.

A full set of India proof impressions of all the Postage Stamps ever issued by the Postoffice Department, from Frank Hatton, Postmaster-General, Washington. This collection is one of the most valuable in our cabinet.

A fine Bronze Medal, elegantly mounted, commemorating the Centennial celebration of the evacuation of New York by the British, and the erection of the statue of Washington in Wall street, from General John Cochrane, New York city.

Model of monument to be erected at Canoga, N. Y., to mark the spot of Red Jacket's birthplace, from Major F. H. Furniss, Waterloo, N. Y.

A beautiful specimen of Fossilized Leaves from the quarry at Mumford, N. Y., of which the church of that place was built in 1875, accompanied by a photograph of the church in a handsome frame, from Oliver Allen, Sen.

Three new Turkish coins from Eastern Turkey, the gift of Hon. E. F. Duren, Bangor, Maine.

A rare English copper coin, 1768, of the reign ot George III., from Rev. Albert Anthony, Tuscarora, Ont.

Chinese and German coins, from James F. Nuno.

VISITORS.

During the past year the rooms of the Society have been open to visitors regularly, with the exception of three weeks for a vacation in August last, and the register shows the aggregate record of autographs to be 755.

Many came to examine our collection of historical curiosities and objects of interest, and the general expression was one of satisfaction and surprise.

The relics and reminders of early Buffalo were to them perhaps of greatest interest.

Some came to express their interest in the work of the Society, and honored themselves and the Society by

making application for membership. Some came to present the Society with a book, picture or relic, and thus show their good will by contributing to its collections; and others to seek historical information. To this class the collection gathered here has proved to be of a high educational value, beyond the gratification of mere curiosity.

The large increase in the number of visitors is ample evidence of a growing appreciation of the advantages of our Society.

A very interesting feature of the register is the numerous Indian names recorded in it, with their interpretation, many of them being very beautiful and significant.

Among them we find descendants of the great aboriginal tribes, who so lately peopled all this fair land, and have left nothing behind them but melodious names; the greater number are almost extinct, and are now limited to a few families.*

The period will soon come when the autographs of these doomed children of nature will be gazed at with mournful interest.

MEETINGS.

During the year 1885 one annual meeting, eleven monthly, and three special meetings were held.

Much interest has been manifested at these meetings of the Society, and the average attendance has been good.

No club meetings of the Society were held last winter.

Several valuable papers were prepared, but for some reason were not read; arrangements have now been made for holding several club meetings, at which interesting papers will be read.

* These aboriginal visitors, among others, represented the following tribes: The Senecas, Cayugas, Tuscaroras, Onondagas, Mohawks, Oneidas, Delawares and Mohicans.

OBITUARY RECORD.

This commences in 1811, and has been brought down to the present time; 2,096 names of citizens of Erie County were added during 1885, of the age of twenty years old and upward.

MARRIAGE RECORD.

From the same period this embraces all the marriages which have been announced in the Buffalo papers; 1,547 were reported during the past year, and have been entered upon our record alphabetically, under the surname of each party.

In Memoriam

GEORGE W. CLINTON

Upon the occasion of the death of Judge Clinton, the Board of Managers adopted the following memorial:

The Buffalo Historical Society having learned of the recent death of the Honorable George W. Clinton, desire through its Board of Managers to express in this memorial its sense of the great loss the Society and our community have sustained, and to extend the sympathies of its members to the family of the deceased.

During the active years of his residence in Buffalo he was one of the most earnest members of the Society, fully appreciating the laudable work for which it was organized, and contributing by

personal exertion and influence to the gathering and preserving the historical records of our city and vicinity.

His contributions of papers, especially of biographical sketches, have been invaluable, and the influence of his name and character exerted on behalf of our interests has ever been freely given to promote the interests of the Society.

As a mark of respect and a tribute to his many virtues, and in memory of his services, the Board of Managers now order this memorial to be entered at large upon the Minutes of its proceedings, and tender a copy thereof to his bereaved family.

MEMBERSHIP.

During the year 1 Life, 2 Honorary, 19 Resident and 16 Corresponding members were added to the Society, and the following named members have died :

Dr. Franklin B. Hough,
Judge Benjamin H. Austin,
General Ulysses S. Grant,
Rev. John M. Henderson,
Ex-Governor Reuben E. Fenton,
Judge George W. Clinton,
Myron P. Bush,
William I. Williams;
Cephas Smith,
Henry Childs.

The membership roll shows 280 Resident (including 65 Life), 328 Corresponding and 30 Honorary.

OUR EXCHANGES.

During the year our Exchange list has been largely increased.

The Society is now in regular correspondence with most of the Historical Societies and other Library Associations of our Sister States, and Canada, with which our exchange of publications is regularly maintained.

Our propositions for exchanges have always been

met in the most liberal spirit, and we have obtained during the past year many valuable books of great historical interest.

The publication of the Red Jacket Obsequies, as the third volume of our transactions, has greatly aided the Society in its exchanges.

OUR NEW ROOMS.

In our last annual report we announced that arrangements had been made with the Young Men's Association, securing to our Society desirable rooms in the building of the Association, now in progress of erection. Shortly thereafter your Board learned that the building committee of the Association had decided to construct only partially fire-proof, that portion of the building in which our rooms were to be located. Your Board addressed a note to the Young Men's Association representing the importance of constructing the entire building fire-proof, and asking them to give the matter their careful consideration.

We are glad to be able to report that our suggestions met with a generous response in their decision to make the entire building thoroughly fire-proof. We are thus relieved of anxiety as to the security of our property and records in our new quarters, while we believe the interests of the Young Men's Association will be best served by the construction of such a building.

The coming year will mark an important period in the Society's history, by its removal to the beautiful building erected as an enduring monument of the liberality of our citizens and of the interest they have ever cherished for the Young Men's Association, and kindred institutions.

RED JACKET MONUMENT FUND.

The Treasurer of the Red Jacket Monument Fund has submitted his report of collections and disbursements, showing a balance on hand after the payment of every

bill, of $56.55 which is deposited in the Western Savings Bank.

The subscription book may be found in the rooms of the Society, and we cordially invite subscriptions to the fund.

Copies of the Memorial volume and transactions of the Society, published for the benefit of this fund, can be obtained of our Secretary at fifty cents each; this interesting book should find a place in every library.

THE SEAL OF THE SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers have deemed it advisable to adopt a new Seal for the Society. The upper half is given to a view of the Falls of Niagara, and the lower half, divided into quarters, portrays in one, an Indian in native costume leaning upon his bow, while the other quarter contains a representation of a buffalo.

The seal will be displayed upon the title page of the published report.

NEW YORK STATE RESERVATION, NIAGARA FALLS.

In generous consideration of our position as the more immediate custodians of the history of this portion of our State, the Commissioners of the New York State Reservation, and the Niagara Falls Committee of arrangements for the celebration of the opening of the State Park at Niagara Falls, N. Y., invited our Society to send a committee to participate in the exercises of July 15th, 1885.

In response thereto the following named gentlemen were delegated as your representatives:

William H. H. Newman, president; Hon. James Sheldon, vice-president; Dr. Leon F. Harvey, recording secretary; George G. Barnum, corresponding secretary; Sherman S. Jewett, the Hon. E. G. Spaulding, the Hon. Wm. P. Letchworth, the Hon. E. C. Sprague, the Hon. James O. Putnam, the Hon. James M. Smith, William C. Bryant, the Rev. A. T. Chester, D. D., the Hon. E. S. Hawley, General John C. Graves, William K. Allen, Thomas B. French, George W. Townsend, Jared H. Tilden, Emmor Haines, Otto Besser, Charles B. Germain, Gerhard Lang.

We were thus identified with an important event in the history of our State.

Your delegation improved the opportunity to call upon his Excellency, Governor Hill, in behalf of our Society, at his parlors in the International Hotel, at Niagara Falls, and through our Vice-President, the Hon. James Sheldon, Chief Judge of the Superior Court, to present to the Governor the following address:

GOVERNOR HILL.—The Buffalo Historical Society have deemed it appropriate to present to the Executive of the State of New York an expression of their sense of the significance of the event which has assembled the people here this day. The cataract of Niagara, known through all civilization as earth's grandest natural wonder, is to be restored to its first estate of primal simplicity and natural beauty, as its shores appeared to the aborigines of the forest, and, placed under the care of the State, henceforth to be with its surroundings forever free to all the world. Never before was a work of this character originated and accomplished by a democracy. It may have been by the will of autocrats or emperors, as representatives of monarchy, but it was reserved for the people of the sovereign State of New York, as a democracy truly representing our free institutions, to stand foremost in the glorious work so happily accomplished. Our free people have ever been prodigal in works of patriotism, and in benevolent and educational enterprises tending to the amelioration and improvement of humanity; but never before has a democracy so freely imposed the burden of taxation upon the whole commonwealth, for the mere ideal, the sentiment of the beautiful. The civilized world will honor our State and our people for this work and the sacrifices it involves. The men who have labored for it will ever be remembered in history, and your own part, performed as the Executive, will never be forgotten.

We therefore desire, in this formal manner, to unite with all others in extending the congratulations of this Society, to yourself and to the people, feeling assured that a new dignity and a new honor have been conferred upon the Republic.

The Governor replied as follows:

GENTLEMEN.—The importance of the celebration in which we are to-day participating, is appreciated by none more than the officials of our own great State. They are nearly all here in person to testify by their presence their deep interest in the success of the great undertaking, which is now an accomplished fact, and which will render this day most significant in the future history of our country.

The preservation of the magnificent scenery surrounding Niagara Falls, accomplished by the liberality and action of the State itself, is an event which marks a new epoch in our progress. The self-imposed burden, which must be met by taxation, will be cheerfully borne by the people. It may be a contribution in behalf of mere sentiment, but love of the beautiful in nature is as deep and abiding with the people as their love of country. No enterprise ever had higher aims or nobler aspirations than the one here conceived for the restoration to its original state, of Nature's grandest gift to man—the world-renowned and only Falls of Niagara.

You have seen fit in your address to suggest that the part performed by me as Chief Executive of the State, will not soon be forgotten. Permit me to say in reply, that I neither claim nor do I expect or desire any special credit for my action. I simply did my duty. Mine was the fortunate opportunity to be of service to the State, and to officially aid a most laudable enterprise, but I reflected the people's will when I approved the measure which their representatives had passed with such unanimity.

It may be further stated as a part of the secret or unwritten history of this measure that while it was before me awaiting executive action, there never was a moment when I doubted the propriety or desirability of the project for the purchase of the surroundings of Niagara Falls and their preservation for the people. The constitutionality of some of the details of the bill was at first a matter of serious doubt in my mind, and there was a question whether the expenditure which it authorized should not have been submitted to the people for their action, it being for an object outside or beyond the ordinary purposes of government, but by reason of the important interests involved, and the benign and lofty purposes sought to be attained and the disastrous results of adverse action, I gave

the measure the benefit of my doubts upon these points and cordially approved it, regarding it as one of the most satisfactory acts of my administration. The people approve it to-day and will continue to approve it as time rolls on.

Our country is just beginning to appreciate this great work of nature. The foreign visitor upon first landing upon our shores generally inquires the route to Niagara Falls, and they are the first object of curiosity which he visits in this country. Its fame has spread throughout the earth. The picture of this great cataract adorns nearly every public building in the old world, as well as countless private galleries and residences. The greatest artists have not half portrayed its grandeur, and neither tongue nor pen can justly describe its majestic beauties.

I desire to reciprocate the congratulations which you tender upon this occasion, and to express the sense of obligation which is felt by all the promoters of this enterprise to the Buffalo Historical Society for the constant friendship which it has exhibited, and the valuable and disinterested aid which it has rendered to the project from its very inception to the present hour, and for all which I extend to you the thanks of the State.

Thanking you for the honor which you do me by this unexpected visit and the courteous presentation of your most admirable address, permit me in conclusion to indulge the hope that the further and formal exercises which have been arranged for the day may prove equally agreeable and interesting as well as redound to the honor and credit of the State.

CONCLUSION.

The Board have much reason to feel pleased with the measure of success that has attended the Society during the past year. The steady growth and improvement of all its collections inspire us with new hopes and high encouragements, and we predict for the Society, on its removal to the new apartments in the Young Men's Library Building, a career of greater prosperity and usefulness than it has hitherto attained.

A list of all gifts to the Library and other collec-

tions of the Society is added to this report, and we express our gratitude to all the generous donors.

The report was unanimously accepted and adopted, and on motion of Dr. A. T. CHESTER it was resolved to print a thousand copies.

Gen. JOHN C. GRAVES moved that a nominating committee of seven be appointed by the chair. The President appointed the following-named gentlemen as such committee: Gen. John C. Graves, Hon. E. S. Hawley, William C. Bryant, Dr. A. T. Chester, Geo. W. Townsend, Emmor Haines, and George G. Barnum.

The committee reported the following nominations:

President—The Hon. James Sheldon.

Vice-President—Emmor Haines.

Recording Secretary—Dr. Leon F. Harvey.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian and Treasurer—George G. Barnum.

Councillors—William H. H. Newman, William Dana Fobes, William C. Bryant, George W. Townsend, Thomas B. French. Hon. E. S. Hawley, William K. Allen, Gen. John C. Graves, Rev. A. T. Chester, D. D., Hon. James M. Smith, Jared H. Tilden. Rev. Samson Falk. James Tillinghast, H. D. Farwell, John J. McWilliams.

Hon. E. S. HAWLEY moved that the Society proceed to ballot, first for President, Vice-President and the Secretaries, and afterwards for Councillors, all of whom were unanimously elected.

The retiring President read his address:

GENTLEMEN OF THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The brief record of another year in the history of our Society has closed since you were pleased to confer upon me the highest position in the care and supervision of its affairs. Absence from the city at the time of your last annual meeting prevented an ac-

knowledgment of the marked honor then conferred. I most heartily thank you for this favor and evidence of your confidence and esteem.

The wisdom of departing from your one-term rule I fear has not been fully established, nor has it shown results as favorable to the material interests of the Society as you may have anticipated.

The past year's record, though not replete with events and results as important as could be desired, is not without some evidence of usefulness.

We believe our Society fully retains its hold upon the favor and confidence of the community. With its present prominence, as a Historical Society, well sustained, it must continue to be acknowledged as creditable to our city and State. Each succeeding year finds its means for serving the public increased, its position more assured, and better grounded as an institution destined to last long after the present generation has passed away, and lives only in memory, and as a part of recorded history.

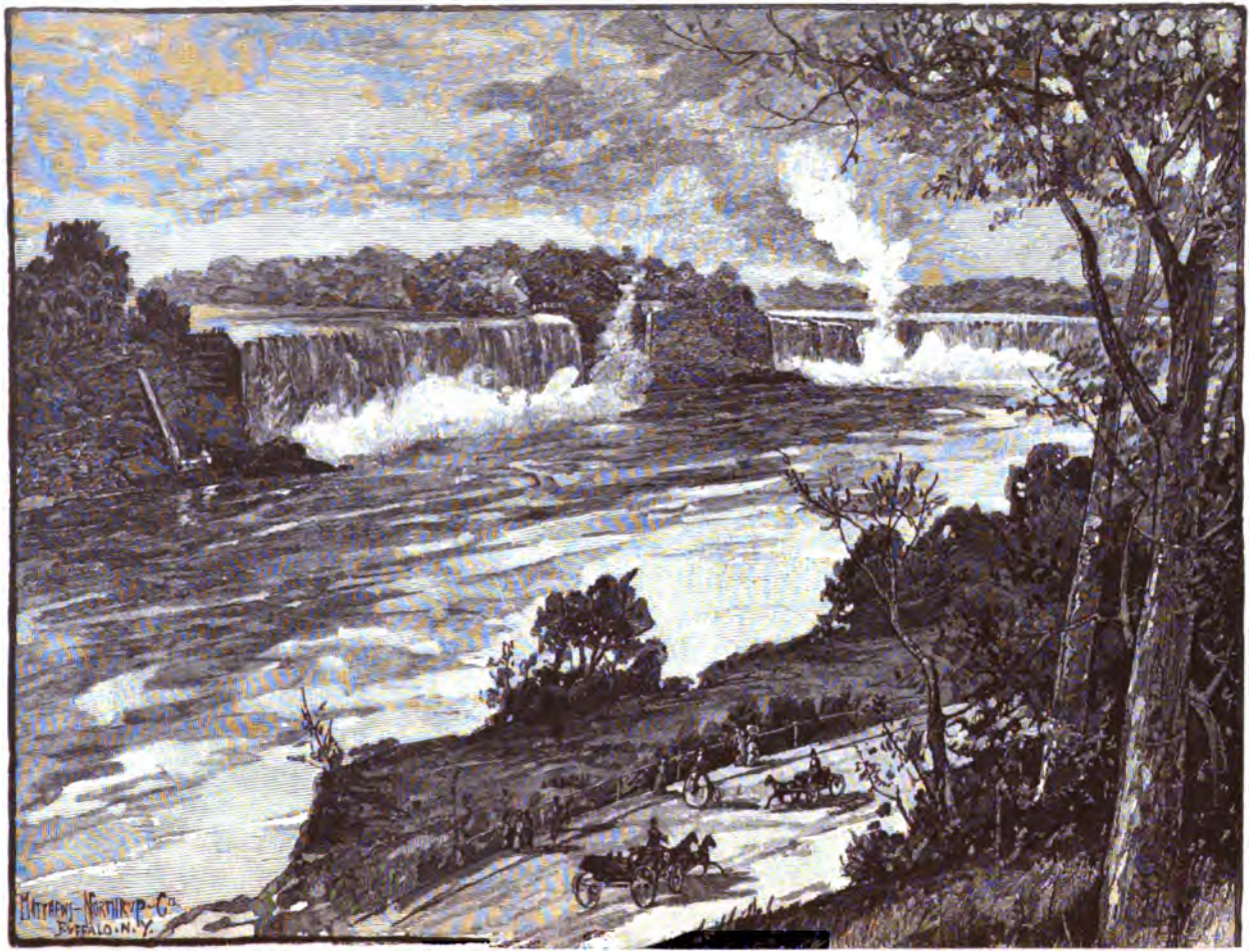
The full report of your Board gives so complete an out line of the year's doings that it is hardly necessary to supplement it. In review I need only to glance at a few of the more important items.

The publication previously directed giving an account of the Red Jacket obsequies was issued early in the year and forwarded to our exchanges. In return we have many words of commendation, and encouraging evidence of the favor with which this volume was received.

The subscription to the Red Jacket Monument Fund has not been pressed. A further appeal to the generous public awaits the action of our successors in office. The small nucleus of this fund should serve as a continual reminder.

At an early day we hope to see this object again presented in an earnest and successful call upon our citizens, which will complete the undertaking and place a suitable monument upon the foundation already prepared. This act of tardy justice to the memory of the red men, we trust will not be longer delayed. The coming year should see the work completed.

During the year our Permanent Fund has received the addition



NIAGARA FALLS AS SEEN FROM WESLEY PARK.

of $1,000 from the estate of the late Thomas C. Reilly, and also $1,000 from the estate of the late Mrs. Caroline C. Fillmore, the widow of Ex.-President Millard Fillmore, who was the first President of our Society.

The courteous recognition of our Society in connection with the occasion, and its representation at the opening exercises of the New York State Reservation, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 15, 1885, is worthy of more than a passing notice. The importance of this event, in the history of our State and country cannot be overestimated. Its results and consequent blessings to the world through the long future, will stand as enduring evidence of the generosity of our State and people. Their liberal consideration for the sentiment and enjoyment of the millions who will succeed us, will not fail to receive just commendation. It will mark an era in history. A time when men lived not alone for the day, nor for self, but for the good of mankind through all the ages. It will stand a noble example to future generations. All honor to those who projected and carried out a work so magnificent in design, and secured to the world a "Free Niagara." The address of Judge Sheldon in behalf of our Society to Governor Hill, and the Governor's answer on this occasion, both included in our annual report, impart a special interest to that paper. They are in admirable harmony with the undertaking, and the grand ideal monument of a State's munificence as well as the beautiful sentiment embodied in its consummation.

Our records preserve an account of the exercises and celebration at Niagara Falls.

We hoped that the publication of our papers would be resumed during the past year; though frequently under consideration the work has been postponed. The liberal contribution from many kindred societies of their periodicals is constantly adding invaluable material to our library.

This reminds us of the importance of resuming our publications as soon as possible, in order that we may reciprocate the favors received, and at the same time establish a claim to further similar accessions, while we would extend the usefulness of our So-

ciety by disseminating the historical material we possess, and are continually acquiring.

During its earlier days the frequent social club meetings, with the papers read and discussed, did much to popularize our Society. A revival of these gatherings can hardly fail of like results at the present time.

These club meetings will be resumed very soon. Several interesting papers have been offered, and a few places have been secured for the readings. Those who are willing to open their houses for this purpose are asked to inform the committee on club meetings.

Allow me to suggest, for your consideration, the advisability of an annual dinner, in commemoration of some event of interest connected with the early history of our city. This might be found acceptable as a substitute for the Old Settlers' Festival, so popular a few years since.

It is due to our worthy corresponding secretary and librarian that I should say a word in commendation of his faithful and untiring devotion to the duties of his office. I have also to add my acknowledgment of the courteous assistance and generous support received from him in common with the other gentlemen associated with me in the administration of the affairs of our Society.

Our librarian has been actively engaged cataloguing, classifying and getting in better shape for reference the large volume of material collected during the past and previous years. The demands upon his time in discharge of these duties, and from the numerous visitors to our rooms, have left him few leisure moments.

The call for an assistant librarian cannot be delayed longer than the date of removal to the new rooms.

Provision should soon be made to meet the expense of fitting up and removing to our new quarters. While our exemption from payment of rent will then show a reduction in this direction, other increased expenditures will doubtless more than equal this saving and show cost of maintenance in the future larger than heretofore.

During the past year another of the founders of this Society has passed away. The Hon. George W. Clinton was one of its earliest and most active friends, a man of commanding presence,

of marked abilities, and prominent among the best known men of our State.

The organizers of this and the other permanent institutions were largely the men of mark in the earlier history of our city. They evinced a lively interest and pride in providing for its future and preserving the records of the past. When our population was comparatively small it would appear that each individual felt more keenly his obligations to the community where he resided, and the importance of personal effort in furtherance of all objects and interests bearing upon the public welfare. We fear there is in this day too much of the tendency in our larger cities for each one to leave matters of public and general interest to the care of others.

Each year death and re novals have made a large draft upon our numbers; their places have been but partially filled. It is, perhaps, natural, and generally the case, that comparatively little interest is taken by most people in local history until after middle life, except as their attention is called to it by some special occasion or matters of personal concern.

The objects and needs of this Society with its claims, and its important bearing upon the direct interest of all of our citizens do not appear to be as generally appreciated as they should. Would that we could emphasize this fact, with results following that would remove all occasion for similar allusion hereafter.

The friends of the Society have no little cause for satisfaction in reviewing the past. In order to secure permanence to results already accomplished, it is wiser to anticipate and provide for the needs of the future than to idly congratulate ourselves upon past achievements. We have, therefore, thought best to refer to some of the needs of this institution as they appear to us.

It is of the highest importance that our numbers be largely increased. We need the material aid this would give us.

To make our work a full success, we require an accession of not less than 1,000 paying members. We hope that upon removal to more pleasant quarters a vigorous effort will be made to swell the number associated with us to the greatest proportions, and that many of the ladies of the city will avail themselves of the opportunity to become members.

We should have enrolled on this list all the younger active citizens with those of more advanced years and leisure. The value of its records and volumes for reference should secure it the name of every attorney of the city, with all teachers and business men.

We must depend upon income from annual dues to meet expenditures. The Permanent Fund needs to be largely increased. It must be held sacred as an endowment; the income only should be devoted to the purchase of valuable historical works, such as cannot be secured otherwise. It is imperative that no encroachment be made upon this fund. We cannot expect many large donations or bequests unless the donors can be assured that their contributions will not be frittered away in current expenses and the organization be liable to ultimately become extinct. When the public more fully realize the fact that the Buffalo Historical Society is an institution founded to last into the far future, with funds safely held to secure its perpetuity, we may expect more numerous and munificent bequests and contributions to both permanent and general fund.

At some future day we hope to see the Society domiciled in a commodious and substantial structure of its own, with income ample to provide for all of its wants. In the meantime we can only improve our opportunities, and make it worthy the support and contributions necessary to secure this end.

Many appear to consider ours as a public institution, with its records free to all, and ask the privileges it offers, without enrolling themselves as members, or in any way contributing to its support. We would gladly make it free were it practicable to do so.

We welcome all strangers visiting our city. Cheerfully we extend the occasional free use of our facilities for reference and genera information. The stubborn, cold, matter-of-fact expenses, that constantly confront us, require that we should provide the only satisfactory means as yet discovered to cancel such demands of dollars and cents.

Without aid from the State or city, and dependent upon annual dues and contributions from our citizens, we are from necessity obliged to expect that those, who find occasion to enjoy the

benefits it offers, should assist in contributing to its maintenance.

The constant use of its records and other volumes for reference affords the best evidence of its practical utility. With the natural increase of such volumes and other valuable possessions in its line of work, and aided by a liberal support, its ability to serve the public requirements of the future can hardly be overestimated.

It should be enabled to procure not only our own local records, but also the general history of our State and country, as well as that of the whole world, which is rapidly becoming more united in common aims and interests, as in one great confederacy of nations.

We would urge all of our older residents to assist in filling out the unwritten pages of the early history of our city and of Western New York. Much that may be accessible to them, with the rich treasure of historical facts, associated and stored with their early recollections, will otherwise pass from memory in a few years. Let all, as they have opportunity, contribute to make more perfect the records of the past, with those of the present day.

The removal to the beautiful structure of the Young Men's Association will involve no little labor and expense in getting all things properly and conveniently arranged.

Many accessions will then be made to our collection. Some of much value have been promised; others will be drawn out by reason of the improved means of caring for them.

There is not necessarily a value in everything old; yet often a greater worth and interest than may at first appear. It is not desirable to fill our rooms with matters of little or no historic interest. Furniture of the olden times, and other elics, except as they possess such value, would hardly enrich our collection.

Many of our citizens hold invaluable material identified with our early history. Could we secure such treasures, they would fill up a large portion of our available space.

During the year a few portraits have been added to our gallery. We should possess a greater number of the portraits of prominent citizens of our city, State and country, also of photographs, lithographs, maps and pictures of interest, with all local and general historical publications and papers, old and new. We shall prize all such acquisitions.

A special effort should be made to procure such accessions during the coming year.

It is generally more gratifying to contemplate the bright prospects of the future than to review the limited results of a past year. Such is the satisfaction we derive in the confident anticipation that our successors in office will profit by our shortcomings and omissions, and that it will be manifest in their wise and more vigorous efforts in furtherance of all its important interests.

The imperfect and omitted work of any administration always leaves open a more marked opportunity for successors in control to crown their own labors with results by contrast the more evident, and which cannot fail of just appreciation.

The opportunities of the present day, for service in this line of work, were never before equalled.

The press is the great conservator of history. Newspapers are the historians of each day; like daily encyclopedias of gathered facts, and in common with all history, necessarily not wholly exempt from error. A garnered harvest does not end all labor. It secures the ripened grain for future use or development. Perfection is not spontaneous; it is not an element native to this world.

In days ere the wire flashed each item of news to all earth's millions; or the printer stood ready to give enduring impress to each important event or vital thought—many a jewel must have fallen to the earth, soon to be lost to man forever. Even now with all the means at hand, many of the grandest truths of our history soon fall into comparative obscurity, and are liable to become lost to the future, except as they are rescued through organized means or individual effort. The leaves from the press, nearly as innumerable as the flakes of a winter's snow-storm, require a systematic classification, arrangement and organized means for preserving and placing them in convenient shape for reference. This is important, if they of the future would know much of the men and works of the past, profit by their experience, and take up the battle where preceding generations lay down their weapons.

History never repeats. Each day holds its individuality; is independent of its predecessors, fills its own mission, teaches its lesson—may be. Its morn dawns upon an unwritten page, it fills out its measured hours, and dies, to live forever in record, and cast its ray of light over the future. The men of the day write out its history, in their words, works and experience. Its guiding lines of good, like the concentrated rays from the locomotive headlight, may be traced along the track beyond, in silvery lines marking its true and parallel way far ahead, through the darkness of the ever nearing future, all unlike the distorted lightning-like flashes of erratic inexperience, that so often may dazzle for an instant, then die away, and serve but to intensify a deeper darkness. The world's affairs are run with speed, and often into the darker hours. They need all the light that may be borrowed from the past.

History is the common inheritance of all, with its treasures garnered through the ages. Man's obligations to the past, for its contributions to the present age, may be best discharged by wise service in the interests of the future.

All history must depend on local history for its base and support. Each important center should have its storehouse of home and general history. The evident needs of the world should require no special appeal.

Thoughtful recognition of the wants and happiness of the future results from motives with the highest aim. A wise and liberal discharge of such duties will command the admiration of mankind. Each toiler in the human hive may live to bless, and dying yet live on to bless the more in works enduring. The world offers no higher fame that mortal may aspire to, than that of an honored name on the roll of its public benefactors.

May the noble deeds of a host of such honored ones evermore keep bright our city's fair fame.

On motion of Mr. BRYANT, seconded by the Rev. Dr. CHESTER, a vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring President for the ability and fidelity with which he had discharged his duties, and also for the instructive ad-

dress to which they had listened with so much pleasure. Carried.

Hon. E. S. Hawley and Dr. A. T. Chester were appointed to conduct the President-elect to the chair.

Judge Sheldon in his address thanked the members for an honor which he had now received a second time.

In view of the work before them he only wished the honor had fallen upon some one more deserving than himself. Looking back on the past, he traced the growth of their increased prosperity and influence, which he trusted and believed to be destined to go on through the coming years.

With melancholy feelings he recalled the forms of Fillmore, Rogers, Hall, Marshall, Greene, Allen, the Fathers of the Society, and others now passed away, and whose portraits adorned the walls. Nevertheless he was pleased to think that the work was destined to live and flourish, it being already known and valued as one of the best managed institutions of its kind in the country.

The Hon. E. S. HAWLEY moved that the Addresses of the retiring and incoming Presidents be put in the report of Board of Managers. Carried.

Gen. GRAVES suggested that it might be well to publish with the Annual Report, one of our valuable papers when we send it out.

Hon. E. S. HAWLEY moved that Gen. Graves' suggestion be referred to the Board of Managers. Carried.

Gen. GRAVES approved the suggestion of Mr. Newman, with reference to an annual banquet, and moved it be referred to the Board of Managers. Carried.

The Hon. E. S. HAWLEY moved that a Standing

Committee be appointed, on genealogical collections or family history. Carried.

Mr. NEWMAN spoke of the matter of moving to New Rooms, and moved that the subscribers to the fund to defray the expenses, incident to removal be entitled to Life membership on payment of Fifty Dollars or over, and to receive new members for one year for a subscription of Five Dollars. Carried.

The meeting was then adjourned.

CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Alden, John B. New York. 1 Magazine.

American Numismatic and Archæological Society, New York. 1 Pamphlet.

American Congregational Association, Boston, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.

Anthony, Rev. A., Tuscarora, Ont. 1 English Copper Coin.

Ashton, Robert, Brantford, Ont. 1 Volume.

Allen, Oliver Sen Mumford, N. Y. 1 Photograph, 1 Specimen.

Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal Association. 1 Volume.

Buffalo Fire Department. 2 Pamphlets and 1 Leaflet.

Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. 3 Volumes and 4 Pamphlets.

Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., Boston, Mass. 1 Pamphlet and 1 Leaflet.

Bell, Hon. Charles N., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can. 12 Maps, 3 Magazines, 4 Papers and 6 Pamphlets.

Buffalo State Asylum for the Insane. 1 Pamphlet.

Bostonian Society, Boston, Mass. 2 Pamphlets.

Beecher, James C., Buffalo. 1 Portrait in Oil.

Bryant, Wm. C., Buffalo. 5 Photographs and 2 Portraits.

Burns, Wm. P., Buffalo. 1 Volume.

Barnard, Joseph E., Buffalo. 1 Volume.

Buffalo Board of Health. 1 Leaflet.

Buffalo Female Academy. 1 Pamphlet.

Boston Numismatic Society. 1 Journal.

Brayman, Mrs. E. W., Chicago, Ill. 1 Photograph and 3 Lithographs.

Bay of Quinte Historical Society, Belleville, Ont. 52 Volumes.

Boardman, John, M. D. Buffalo. 3 Relics.

Baker, Lyman M., Buffalo. The dying address of the three Thayers, Framed.

Bacon, D. R., Le Roy, N. Y. 1 Manuscript.

Barnum, Geo. G., Buffalo, 1 Clock, 2 Ink Stands, 1 Grant Memorial Tablet framed, 1 Candlestick, and 2 Picture frames.

Brown, Daniel, Buffalo. 1 Volume and 1 Musket.

Cannon, Hon. H. W., Washington, D. C. 1 Volume.

Conover, Hon. Geo. S., Geneva, N. Y. 1 Photograph, 1 Pamphlet, 4 Papers and 1 Leaflet.

Carr, Hon. Joseph B., Albany, N. Y. 24 Volumes.

Chicago Historical Society. 2 Pamphlets.

Chamberlain, S., Buffalo. Cane cut at Mount Vernon in 1876.

Chautauqua Society of History and Natural Science, Jamestown, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet and 1 Paper.

Converse, Harriet M., New York. 5 Newspapers.

Church, Alvah, Buffalo. 1 small case of Relics.
Cottier, W. H., Buffalo. 1 Package of Documentary Papers.
Colden Club, London, Eng. 1 Pamphlet.
Cochrane, Gen. John, New York. 1 Fine Bronze Medal.
Cobb, Oscar, Buffalo. 14 Pamphlets.
City Messenger, Boston, Mass. 2 Volumes.
Chicago Public Library. 1 Pamphlet.
Cudmore, P., Faribault, Minn. 1 Volume.
Calhoun, Mrs., Chicago, Ills. 3 Pamphlets and 2 Papers.
Corcoran, W. E , Buffalo, 2 Pamphlets, 1 Photograph, 1 Paper and 4 cards.
Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica, N. Y. 1 Paper.
Department of State, Washington, D. C. 18 Volumes.
Duren, Hon. E. F., Bangor, Maine. 3 rare Turkish Coins, 3 Volumes, 7 Pamphlets and 1 Paper.
Dygert, J. W., Buffalo. 10 Volumes.
Dume, Luther, Newbury, Mass. 1 Volume.
Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 35 Volumes.
Dobbins, Charles W., Buffalo. 1 Case Indian Relics.
Eberhart, Peter, Buffalo. 2 Military Buttons.
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass. 9 Pamphlets.
Ewell, Henry D., Alden, N. Y. 1 Manuscript and 1 Volume.
Emerson, Geo. D., Buffalo, 2 Volumes, 13 Papers, 43 Pamphlets, and 2 Volumes Newspapers.
Fell, Geo. E., M. D. Buffalo. 1 Volume and 2 Pamphlets.
Furniss, Major F. H., Waterloo, N. Y. 1 Volume, 2 Photographs, 1 Model, and 14 Papers.
Friends' Free Library, Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Pamphlet.
French, Thomas B., Buffalo 1 Photograph.
Friends' Historical Association, Philadelphia, Pa 1 Pamphlet.
Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pa. 3 Volumes and 1 Pamphlet.
Forbush, Miss Emma L , Buffalo. 2 Relics.
Funk & Wagnalls, New York. Complete file of "The Voice" for 1885.
Gowey, Dean D., Buffalo. 1 Bound file of the "Utica Patriot," 1812.
Green, Hon. Samuel A., Boston, Mass. 2 Volumes and 33 Pamphlets.
Gilkison, Lt.-Col J. T., Brantford, Ont. 1 Volume and 1 Pamphlet.
Green, Rev. Rufus S., Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet and 1 paper.
Green, Robert, Sarasota, Florida. 3 Newspapers.
Ganson, Mrs. John, Buffalo. 1 Portrait handsomely framed.
Gould, Dr. B. A., Cordova, S. A. 1 Volume.
German Society of New York City. 1 Pamphlet.
Gibbs, Clinton Burt, Buffalo. 1 Manuscript report.
Gatschet, Hon. Albert S., Washington, D. C. 10 Pamphlets and 1 Volume.
Goergen, Peter, Buffalo. 2 Campaign Badges.

Hawley, Hon. E. S., Buffalo. 11 Volumes and 4 Pamphlets.

Harris, Geo. H., Rochester, N. Y. 1 Volume and 2 Papers.

Hale, Horatio A. M., Clinton, Ont. 2 Newspapers.

Hall, Rodney D., Buffalo. Postage Stamps.

Hall, Nathaniel P., Buffalo. Postage Stamps.

Hatton, Frank, Postmaster-General, Washington, D. C. A full set of all the Postage Stamps ever issued by the Post Office Department, and 1 Volume.

Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. 2 Volumes.

Heaton, G. L., Silver Creek, N. Y. 1 Manuscript.

Humason, Wm. J., Buffalo. Poem on Buffalo's great Fire.

Hazen, Maj.-Gen. W. B., Washington, D. C. 4 Pamphlets.

Hulbert, Geo. H., Waterloo, N. Y. 1 Newspaper.

Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, Cincinnati. 2 Volumes.

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James, F. H.	Lancaster, N. Y.
Judson, Thomas	Brant, N. Y.
Johnson, Sir William G., Bart	Montreal, P. Q.
Jackman, Warren	Youngstown, N. Y.
Johnson, Crisfield	East Aurora, N. Y.
Kennedy, Joseph C. G.	Washington, D. C.
Kirtland, Jared P.	Cleveland, Ohio.
Kellogg, A. Otis, M. D.	Utica, N. Y.
Kingman, Eliab	Washington, D. C.

King, Hon. Horatio	Washington, D. C.
Kendrick, Prof. Asahel C., D. D.	Rochester, N. Y.
King, Dr. David	Newport, R. I.
Kinnan, George,	Medina, N. Y.
Killebrew, Col. John B.	Nashville, Tenn.
Kingsley, Vine Wright,	New York City.
Knight, Elijah	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Kingsley, Maurice	New Haven, Conn.
Love, John L.	San Francisco, Cal.
Lewis, George W.	Fredonia, N. Y.
Lovering, Prof. Joseph	Cambridge, Mass.
Loomis, Prof. Elias, LL. D.	New Haven, Conn.
Lyman, Prof. C. S.	New Haven, Conn.
Lewis, Major John R., U S. A.	Atlanta, Ga.
Lyman, Benjamin	Montreal, P. Q.
Lee, Col. J. E.	Washington, D. C.
Leech, Hiram P.	Washington, D. C.
Lossing, Benson J.	Dover Plains, N. Y.
Lacey, Rowland B.	Bridgeport, Conn.
Lambert, Rev. Father L. A.	Waterloo, N. Y.
McMaster, Guy H	Bath, N. Y.
Merritt, Jediah P	St. Catharines, Ont.
Mix, David E. E.	Batavia, N. Y.
Moore, E. M.	Rochester, N. Y.
Marvin, Richard P.	Jamestown, N. Y.
Munsell, Joel's Sons	Albany, N. Y.
Murphy, Hon. Henry C.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Marvin, Adj.-Gen. Selden E.	Albany, N. Y.
Moore, George H.	New York City.
Minard, John S	Cold Creek, N. Y.
Margry Pierre,	Paris, France.
Merriam, Hon. Clinton L.	Locust Grove, N. Y.
Morgan, Henry J.	Ottawa, Ont.
Matthews, Hon. Stanley	Washington, D. C.
McMillan, Daniel	York, N. Y.
McAllister, John A.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Newberry, Prof. J. S.	New York City.
Nason, Rev. Elias	Billerica Mills, Mass.
Niven, Archibald C.	Monticello, N. Y.
O'Reilly, Henry	New York City.
Olmstead, Rev. L. G.	Fort Edward, N Y.
Osborne, Charles R.	Batavia, N. Y.
Parkman, Francis	Boston, Mass.

Pratt, Zadock	Prattsville, N. Y.
Phinney, Elihu	New York City.
Porter, Albert H.	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Pratt, Hon. Elon G.	St. Louis, Mo.
Porter, Albert Augustus	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Perkins, Prof. George R.	Utica, N. Y.
Plumb, Rev. A. H.	Chelsea, Mass.
Phelps, John A.	Titusville, Pa.
Pool, Fitch,	Danvers, Mass.
Pierson, Prof. Jonathan	Union College, N. Y.
Phelps, Edward J.	Burlington, Vt.
Parker, Amasa J.	Albany, N Y.
Putnam, Douglas	Marietta, Ohio.
Porter, Peter B.	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Pratt, Lyman	Eden, N. Y.
Parker, Nicholson H.	Versailles, N. Y.
Prentice, Hon. Amos W.	Norwich, Conn.
Pierrepont, Hon. William C.	Pierrepont Manor, N. Y.
Peet, Rev. Stephen D.	Clinton, Wis.
Parton, James	Newburyport, Mass.
Pax, Rev. Father	Williamsville, N. Y.
Redfield, J. H.	Batavia, N. Y.
Randall, Henry S.	Cortland Village, N. Y.
Ritch, Thomas G.	Stamford, Conn.
Riley, Aaron,	Aurora, N. Y.
Riley, Philip D.	Holland, N. Y.
Read, J. Meredith,	
Roberts, Hon. Ellis H.	Utica, N. Y,
Rochester, William B., Paymaster-Gen. U. S. A.	Washington, D. C.
Robertson, Hon. Alexander,	Belleville, Ont.
Simms, Jeptha R.	Fort Plains, N. Y.
Soper, Horace U.	Batavia, N. Y.
Smith, George	Upper Darby, N. Y.
Sanford, Laura G.	Erie, Pa.
Stevens, Alden S.	Attica, N. Y.
Storrs, William C.	Rochester, N. Y.
Stone, William L.	Jersey City Heights, N. J.
Skinner, Hon. St. John, B. L.	Washington, D. C.
Saxton, Gen. Rufus, U. S. A.	
Smalley, Hon. David A.	Burlington, Vt.
Shipman, Hon. William B.	Hartford, Conn.
Safford, Prof. James M.	Nashville, Tenn,

Sewall, E. Quincy	Watertown, N. Y.
Silliman, Prof. Benjamin	New Haven, Conn.
Simmons, Cyrenius C.	St. Louis, Mo.
Stannard, Capt. Benjamin A.	Cleveland, Ohio.
Shipman, Azariah B.	Syracuse, N. Y.
Starkey, Rev. Orlando F.	New London, Conn.
Stanton, William	Brant, N. Y.
Southwick, Job	Brant, N. Y.
Southwick, Josiah	Evans, N. Y.
Southwick, Edmund	Evans, N. Y.
Severance, C. C.	Concord, N. Y.
Searles, S. W.	Wales, N. Y.
St. John, Orson S., M. D.	Willoughby, Ohio.
Sherman, Daniel	Forestville, N. Y.
Shepard, Charles O.	
Stevenson, Moses	Versailles, N. Y.
Starr, George W.	Erie, Pa.
Shafter, Rev. Edmund F.	Boston, Mass.
Seaman, Ezra C.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Sheldon, Henry L.	Middlebury, Vt.
Shea, J. Gilmary,	New York City.
Salisbury, Prof. Edward E.	New Haven, Conn.
Sheldon, Charles A.	Detroit, Mich.
Stevens, John Austin	New York City.
Strong, Augustus H., D. D.	Rochester, N. Y.
Steadman, Stephen	Newport, R. I.
Smith, Lloyd P.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Sheldon, Hon. George	Deerfield, Mass.
Thompson, Rev. M. L. R. P.	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Titus, James M.	New York City.
Trask, William B.	Boston, Mass.
Trumbull, Hon. J. Hammond	Hartford, Conn.
Trowbridge, Thomas R.	New Haven, Conn.
Tyson, Philip R.	Baltimore, Md.
Tillman, Prof. Samuel D.	New York City.
Taylor, Col. Rodney M.	Washington, D. C.
Treat, Judge Samuel	St. Louis, Mo.
Tryon, Amos S.	Lewiston, N Y.
Thomas, Arad	Albion, N. Y.
Taylor, H. E.	Brocton, N. Y.
Trott, J. F.	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Upham, Hon. Charles W.	Salem, Mass.

Van Schaack, Henry C.	Manlius, N. Y.
Van Tassel, T.	Salina, N. Y.
Van Rensselaer, Gen. Barent.	Albany, N. Y.
Van Pelt, William, M. D.	Amherst, N. Y.
Van Campen, George	Olean, N. Y.
Van Cleve, James	Lewiston, N. Y.
Wendall, George	Mackinac, Mich.
Weed, Monroe	Wyoming, N. Y.
Woolworth, Samuel B.	Albany, N. Y.
West, Prof. Charles E.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Walker, Edward C.	Detroit, Mich.
Walker, Prof. Charles R.	Detroit, Mich.
Whiting, Hon. William	Boston, Mass.
Waite, Hon. John T.	Norwich, Conn.
Whittlesey, Col. Charles	Cleveland, Ohio.
Worthen, Prof. A. H.	Springfield, Ills.
Winchell, Prof. A.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Whitehead, A. P.	Newark, N. J.
Wadsworth, Hon. James	New York City.
Walker, Rev. J. B. R.	Hartford, Conn.
White, Henry	New Haven, Conn.
Waldo, Rev. Milton	Hornellsville, N. Y.
Winchester, Prof. Hiram	Reading, Pa.
Williamson, Joseph	Belfast, Maine.
Washington, Hon Peter S.	Washington, D. C.
Williams, Josiah B.	Ithaca, N. Y.
Wiltse, L G	Clarence, N. Y.
Wentworth, Hon. John	Chicago, Ills.
Wright, Judge Edwin	Boston, Mass.
Wood, Lyman,	Wales, N. Y.
Wheeler, Richard	Stonington, Conn.
Waith, Rev. William	Lancaster, N. Y.
White, Hon. Peter	Marquette, L. S.
Williams, J Fletcher	St. Paul, Minn.
Wescott, Thompson	Philadelphia, Pa.
Wills, Thomas	Belleville, Ont.
Wallace, William	East Aurora, N Y.
Wakeman, Hon. Abraham	New York City.
Younglove, Timothy M.	Hammondsport, N. Y.
Young, J. B.	Amherst, N Y.

APPENDIX.

Historical Sketch of New York State Reservation at Niagara.

In the summer of 1878, Lucius Robinson, then Governor of New York, had a casual conversation with Lord Dufferin, who was at that time Governor-General of Canada, which he deemed so important that, in the following January, he embodied its purport in his annual message to the Legislature. Lord Dufferin in this interview reiterated views that had been cropping out in periodical and newspaper literature for a decade previous, that had been expressed by many distinguished visitors to the Falls during that interval, and that were quite generally shared in by old and public-spirited residents of Western New York. That an international park, enclosing a suitable space on each side of the river from which all profanation and mutilation of the natural beauties of the landscape and all the annoyances and vexations which were giving rise to so much complaint should be removed, was the only salvation of Niagara. Subsequently, and before Gov. Robinson's message was transmitted to the Legislature, Lord Dufferin called the attention of the Government of Ontario to the matter, and recommended co-operation with New York. Gov. Robinson's message suggested that in case a commission was appointed from Ontario, New York should create a corresponding and co-operating body. The Commissioners of the State Survey constituted the Commission named. By joint resolution of the Legislature of 1879 they were "directed to enquire, consider, and report what, if any, measures it may be expedient for the State to adopt for carrying out the suggestions contained in the annual message of the Governor, with respect to Niagara Falls." The Commissioners were also authorized to confer with any similar persons representing the Dominion of Canada or the Province of Ontario, "making a similar enquiry or contemplating measures for a similar purpose."

The Commissioners' report was transmitted to the Legislature on March 22d, 1880.

Gov. Cornell sent to the Legislature with the report of the Commissioners of the State Survey, a remarkable memorial asking for the enfranchisement of Niagara, which had been addressed in duplicate to the Governor-General of Canada and the Governor of New York by about 600 of the most eminent men of the United States, Canada and Great Britain. Among the signers of the memorial were Vice-President Wheeler, the entire Bench of the Supreme Court of the United States, Senators of the United States, and Admiral of the Navy, members of Congress, members of the British and Canadian Parliaments, Prof. Max Mueller, Sri John Lubbock, Thomas Carlyle, John Ruskin, Emerson, Longfellow, Whittier, Lowell, Holmes, Palfrey, Parkman, Agassiz, Charles Francis Adams, Cardinal McCloskey, Bishops Paddock, Clark, Niles, McNeirney, Doane and Coxe, artists, college presidents, Army officers, State officials, and merchant princes.

A bill designed to carry out the Commissioners' recommendations was at once introduced, and passed the Assembly, but died in the Senate because not reported till the fag-end of the session. Niagara seemingly had no friends in the Legislature of 1881, for though the Park bill was re-introduced no effort was made to secure its passage. The session of 1882 passed without a move toward emancipation. In the fall of that year the citizens took the work in charge. The first gun in the campaign which closed only in victory two years and a half later, was fired at a private meeting held in the house of Mr. Howard Potter in New York City, on the evening of December 6th. Speeches were made by the Messrs. Olmsted, Potter, Dorsheimer, and others, and the outcome was a public meeting, held at Municipal Hall on January 11th following. There was formed "The Niagara Falls Association," a body for whose efforts in behalf of free Niagara the world owes much gratitude. Howard Potter was its first President. Among the vice-presidents were George William Curtis and Cornelius Vanderbilt, J. Hampden Robb, afterwards a commissioner of the State Reservation at Niagara, was chairman of the executive committee, and

drew a new bill, which was introduced into the Assembly by the Hon. Jacob F. Miller, of New York, on January 30, 1883. The measure was advocated before the Committee on Ways and Means by Bishop Doane, Howard Potter, ex-Lieut.-Gov. Dorsheimer, and others, the opposition being represented by the attorneys of a single wood-pulp firm at the Falls. The bill passed the Assembly on the 14th of March, by 68 to 39. A number of Assemblymen took occasion to show their sympathy while the measure was on its final passage, the Hon. Thomas V. Welch of Niagara Falls, in especial, bringing honor upon himself and credit to his constituency by his eloquence and earnestness. In the Senate there was opposition encountered. The oratorical giants of the Niagara Falls Association wrestled with the Finance Committee, only to be thrown. The bill was reported unfavorably, but the report was disagreed with, and the bill ordered to a third reading. Then the Association, after issuing an address to the people of the State, renewed the fight in open Senate. The bill was at no time a party measure, and "practical politicians" and "doctrinnaires" have been among its partisans. Petitions and memorials again came into play at this juncture. When the bill passed (April 18, 1883) it was by a vote of 21 to 10. It received Gov. Cleveland's signature on the 30th of April.

The commissioners provided for, as nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, were: Messrs. William Dorsheimer, Andrew H. Green, J. Hampden Robb, Sherman S. Rogers, and Martin B. Anderson. Mr. Dorsheimer was a lawyer and statesman and a native of the Niagara region though a resident of New-York City. He had served the State as Lieutenant-Governor. Mr. Green has been comptroller of New York, and was versed in the land values. Mr. Robb of New York had great experience in large business affairs and as a Senator in the State Legislature. Mr. Rogers represented Buffalo, and was an early member of the Niagara Falls Association. He was also a leader of the Erie County Bar and formerly a member of the New York Senate. Mr. Anderson was the venerable and learned president of the university of Rochester. The three metropolitan members of the

commission were Democrats; the western members Republicans. They all serve without pay, the term of office of each being five years. The Board met to organize in Albany on the 29th of May, when Dr. Anderson was made president, and Mr. Robb treasurer and secretary. The commissioners found available a fund of $10,000 with which to carry out the object of their creation.

The first meeting at Niagara began on the 9th of June. A resolution, adopted after a careful and detailed examination of the land adjacent to the Falls may be given entire:

Resolved, That in the judgement of this Board it is desirable to select and locate as proper and necessary to be reserved for the purpose of preserving the scenery of the Falls of Niagara and of restoring the said scenery to its natural condition, the following lands situate in the village of Niagara, and the county of Niagara, to-wit: Goat Island, Bath Island, the Three Sisters, Bird Island, Luna Island, Chapin Island, and the small islands adjacent to said islands in the Niagara River, and the bed of said river between said islands and the mainland of the State of New York, and also, the bed of said river between Goat Island and the Canadian boundary; also, a strip of land beginning near "Port Day" in said village, running along the shore of said river, to and including "Prospect Park" and the cliff and *debris* slope, under the same, substantially as shown by that part colored green on the map accompanying the fourth report of the Board of Commissioners of the State Survey, dated March 22, 1880; and including, also, at the east end of said strip, sufficient land not exceeding one acre for purposes convenient to said reservation, and also including all lands at the foot of said Falls, and all lands in said river adjoining said islands and the other lands hereinbefore described.

The Commisioners were represented in these and subsequent proceedings by M. Ansley Wilcox of the law firm of Allen, Movius & Wilcox of Buffalo, attorneys for the Board. The interested property-owners have been represented first and last by a great array of eminent counsel. The petition for the appointment of Commissioners to appraise the lands selected was presented at a special term of the Supreme Court, held in Buffalo on the 2d of February, 1884. Justice Daniels, on the same day, named as appraisers of the lands to be taken the Hon. Matthew Hale of Albany, the Hon. Luther R. Marsh of New York, and Mr. Pascal P. Pratt of Buffalo—two lawyers and one merchant. The appraisers went very promptly to work, and as a result handed in a report award-

ing damages amounting in the aggregate to $1,433,429.50. The report was confirmed on the 27th of October by Justice Corlett. The appraisers found it necessary to divide the condemned property into twenty-seven "cases," in which awards were made as follows: For parcels one and four, comprising Goat, Luna, etc., with a portion of Bath Island, was paid $525,000 to the representatives of the Porter estate. The sum of $156,666 was paid into court for the portion of Bath Island occupied by the Niagara Falls Paper Manufacturing Company. For the portion of the Cataract House included in parcels 24 and 31 was awarded $110,600. Albert H. Porter received $2,001, and $31,070 for lots on Water and Canal Streets. Jane S. Townsend, for lots on Water and Canal Streets, received $12,638, $2,212, and $18,158.50. For Thomas Tugby lots (the Goat Island Hotel property) there was awarded $60,200. The Porter Pump lot brought $4,000. Albert H. Porter received $6,440 for lots on Canal Street, and the Witmer heirs $25,166 for the property in parcel 33. For the A. H. Porter homestead was paid $10,140, and that gentleman received $2,780 for a vacant lot on Buffalo Street. Other awards were: Solon M. N. Whitney, $9,500; Elizabeth J. Townsend, $11,000 and $2,070; Vincent M. Porter, $1,200, and Ethan H. Howard, mortgagee, $750; Jane S. Townsend, $3,600; Elizabeth P. Church, $6,333; Mary E. Daniels, mortgagee, $3,500; the Erie County Savings Bank, mortgagee, $8,000; heirs of Augustus S. Porter, $1,200; Josephine M. Porter, $6,520. On account of street property encroached upon, the village and town of Niagara and adjoining property-holders were given $5,835. The Prospect Park property brought $325,000. Hill and Murray, proprietors of the pulp mill, have appealed from the decision of the appraisers. The award to them was $81,690.

The most interesting and important legal question that the appraisers were called upon to decide was as to the claim of the riparian owners to own to the *filum aquæ* or thread of the stream. It was claimed on their part that the common law doctrine as to fresh water rivers applied to the Niagara, and that the property-owners on the river fronts should be awarded damages for the loss of water power, consequent on the taking of lands in the bed of the river.

There were several minor points raised, but the main issue was as to whether the Niagara, in all its parts, was a navigable stream in the sense that an arm of the sea is navigable. The appraisers held that it was such, and disallowed the claims. Two elaborate and learned opinions were rendered to this effect, by Appraiser Hale and Appraisers Marsh and Pratt. After the exclusion of such claims, the demands of the owners amounted to about $4,000,000, a reduction of about $16,000,000 from the demands before the decision. As has been seen, the total actual awards amounted to but a little more than one-third of the former sum.

The next and by far the most important step yet taken in the Niagara rescue work was to secure the appropriation by the Legislature of the moneys awarded by the appraisers' report. It was shown by the newspapers which had favored the movement from the first, or had been converted to its support as the Park project took form, that the State was in condition to pay the million and a half, or less, asked for by the appraisers without the taxpayers feeling that their burdens had been materially added to. The entire $1,433,429.50, if spread on the tax-rolls for a single year, would necessitate an increase in the assessment on the taxable property of the State of less than one half a mill on the dollar. But it was suggested—and this way ultimately done—that the appropriation of the $433,426.50 would be sufficient for the first year (1885,) and that the even million could be distributed over a series of years, and be secured by bonds issued to the citizens whose lands had been taken. The Legislature was again petitioned and wrought with, and the appropriation was passed toward the close of the session, in the month of April. As the Act creating the State Reservation at Niagara—chapter 336 of the laws of 1883—had provided that, in case the Legislature should fail to make an appropriation to pay the owners for the lands which should be selected and located before April 30, 1885—or two years after the date of the passage of the Act—all the proceedings should be void and of no effect, much anxiety was shown lest the bill fall between the stools of the Capitol and the executive chamber. There were delays in engrossing and in transmitting the measure to the Governor, and it actually received his signature on the last day allowed by law.

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CEREMONIES OF DEDICATION.

The day was ushered in by a salute of 100 guns fired at sunrise by the 7th Battery National Guard, S. N. Y.

The ceremonies of dedication took place in Prospect Park, a portion of the Reservation.

There were present His Excellency, David B. Hill, Governor of the State of New York, and his full Military Staff. Lieutenant-Governor Hon. J. Beverly Robinson, of Ontario, Hon. Oliver Mowat, Premier of Ontario, and Provincial Secretary, Hon. A. Sturgis Hardy, Hon. Erastus Brooks, Hon. William Dorsheimer, President of the Reservation Commission and the following Commissioners: Hon. Andrew H. Green, Hon. J. Hampden Robb, Hon. Sherman S. Rogers and Dr. Martin B. Anderson. A large number of the Senators and members of Assembly, the Secretary of State, Hon. Jos. B. Carr; Hon. Dennis O'Brien, Attorney General; State Treasurer Maxwell; The Committee of the Buffalo Historical Society; Colonel Gzowski, Aid-de-Camp to her Majesty the Queen; Chairman and Commissioners G. P. Pattulo and J. W. Langmuir, of the Canadian Niagara Falls Commission. Major-Gen. Wm. F. Rogers and Staff; Brig.-Gen. Edgar B. Jewett and Staff; Col. Thos. S. Waud, and officers of the 65th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y.; Col. Wm. M. Bloomer and officers of the 74th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y.; Regular Army Officers from the garrisons of Fort Porter and Niagara; Officers of the 8th, 30th and 13th Separate Companies, 7th Battery, Company "D" Buffalo City Guard and Buffalo Cadet Corps, and a large number of other representative citizens of this and adjoining States and of Canada.

The Hon. Erastus Brooks who presided, called upon the Rt.-Rev. A. Cleveland Coxe, who read the following

SERVICE OF PRAISE AND PRAYER:

I.

1. We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
2. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

3. O all ye works of the Lord, seas and floods; O all ye green things upon the earth, and all ye children of men, bless ye the Lord—praise Him and magnify Him forever.

II.

Almighty God, who madest the earth to be inhabited and gavest waste places to our fathers, setting the bounds of their habitations, and, by their labor, making the wilderness to blossom as the rose; we bless Thee for the goodly heritage they have left to us, their children. More especially, this day, we praise Thee for making beautiful these limits of our land, and for speaking to all nations and kindreds and tongues, in this place, with the voice of many waters. Blessed be Thy name that Thou hast opened our eyes to see and our ears to hear, and that Thou has put it into the hearts of this people to acknowledge Thy glorious works and to make them a legacy and a testimony unto their children's children. Therefore these pleasant places of Niagara we do set apart, this day, from common and sordid uses, making these coasts and isles which thou hast marvelously adorned, to be a school for the hearts and minds of men, and of discipline to their senses; to inspire our countrymen forever with a love of Nature and of Thee, its Author and Creator; and to make us know and feel that man cannot live by bread only, but by the better things Thou givest in Thy works and in Thy Word. Accept these, our thanksgivings, and command a blessing on all who share in the duties of this celebration, that they may perform the same as a service to their country and to their fellow-men. Grant, also, that all those who shall hereafter enjoy the benefits of this place may make a right use of the same for their own welfare, and with grateful hearts to Thee, their God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

III.

Bless, O Lord, the President of the United States, the Governor of our State of New York, and all others in authority. Bless all the people of this country, and grant that, one and all, in our several vocations and estates we may live in cheerful obedience to Thee as Supreme; in dutiful submission to the laws of the land, and in kindly charities and good neighborhood, one with another; that so our land may bring forth her increase; that our children may grow up in good learning and nature; and that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. Grant this for the sake of Thy Son, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

IV.

O God, who hast set Thy bow in the cloud, which compasseth the heavens about with a glorious circle, because the hands of the Most High have bended it; we praise Thee that Thou hast made it to give light in the bright cloud as a memorial of Thine everlasting covenant with all mankind. Moreover, we praise Thee that Thou hast set it as a seal upon these Thy glorious works, and

hast made it to shine perpetually in these floods, as well under the moon as under the sun, as well by night as by day. Grant that it may ever remind us of Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy toward all men, and be a symbol of peace and good-will to those out of every nation who shall come hither to behold the operations of Thy hands. Grant also that it may be a token of brotherhood to the kindred peoples to whom this river is a boundary, making it also a bond, so that the mighty power Thou hast given them in all the world may evermore be used not to hurt but to help, and to make Thy way known upon earth and Thy saving health among all nations. All which we beg in His blessed name and merits, in whose perfect words we sum up our prayers, saying:

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is done in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The President of the day, the Hon. Erastus Brooks, then delivered the following address:

FELLOW-CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

By the partiality and kindness of the Executive Committee of the Niagara Falls Association of the city of New York, I am asked to represent them to-day at this celebration, and by your grace and favor also I am permitted to preside at this public meeting. The occasion which brings, in this midsummer day, so many people together from this State, from all parts of the country and from the close and friendly neighborhood of Canada, is one of great public interest. The double honors conferred upon me,—and I esteem them very great honors,—I presume are due to the interest taken by me from the beginning, in and out of the Legislature, to secure the work which to-day we see practically performed. What seven years since some of us hoped for, spoke for, wrote for, and in public assemblies, through the press, and by petitions, prayed for, has been done, well done, and upon the whole done quickly. The cost to the State, all in all, has been about $1,500,000. And the bonds necessary to secure the purchase of the land obtained have been sold at an interest or cost not in excess of two and one-half per cent. The financial credit of the State, and the event to-day commemorated in its civil and political history, share alike in the twofold honors of which every citizen of this commonwealth may well be proud.

It is but just to say that the State of New York and the Province of Ontario have been, or at least were, co-workers for the public reservation of the one place—better known, at least, than any other, for the grandest water-falls upon the globe. It was

Lord Dufferin, a name everywhere respected for his public spirit and refinement, who suggested in 1878, in a passing conversation with Governor Robinson, the idea of an international park. It was Governor Robinson who at once heartily responded to this suggestion, and who, in his annual message to the Legislature and people, changed the friendly conversation of a moment into a public act which is now the permanent law of the State. The earnest and forcible words of the Governor are before me, and I need not repeat them. They were seed sown upon good ground, and thanks to the Niagara Falls Association, to the press and the people, public opinion from time to time, answering all criticism and opposition, finally demanded what to-day we see practically accomplished. The voices once heard in the Capitol and elsewhere against this work are hushed into respectful silence. Public opinion, in tones as full and loud as the thunders of Niagara, now accept with general satisfaction and gratification this work of the State. Happy may we be when what is so great and grand in nature is in full accord with the wishes and sympathies of the people. Here or hereafter, with no let or hindrance, we may behold the sun or starry heavens above us, the ceaseless moving waters beneath us and feel within us the moral law which belongs to the sublime and beautiful in one of the great creations of the Almighty. Here, too,—condensing the thought and study and love of nature which distinguished Louis Agassiz above all men in his knowledge and love of nature,—we can feel and say, "I observe," and such sight or observation becomes the ripened fruit of contemplation and wonder as seen in the ways and works of God to man. What was suggested by Lord Dufferin was an International Park—each Government, State and Nation to be, in all respects, the master of its own administration and territory, but removing from each side of the waters all that was mercenary in money, all that was offensive to the mind, and all that was slovenly, coarse or vulgar to the eye. No spot of earth, and no body of water, it seems to me, so well manifests the power of God in the moving of great waters as the Falls of Niagara. They are part of that eternal flood coming to us now, and flowing hither for all time past from the nearly eleven hundred miles of water in length, nearly 2,000 feet in full elevation, and 130,000 square miles, all in all, in that vast area that forms the great lakes of Superior, Michigan, Huron and Erie. These vast waters, with a depth from eighty-four feet on Lake Erie to 690, and 680, and 600 feet in the three lakes beyond, show the vast sources of all we see. These are the great inland seas of the nation, with supplies, so far as we know, to continue while the world endures. We know as little of their beginning as we know of the Indian tribes found more than 250 years gone by upon their borders.

But just where we are and across the deep abyss of waters which separates us from people belonging to another nation, we recall events of great national interest. Here were strifes for mas-

tery between the British and the French when each were struggling to be the rulers of the new world. Here American colonies, once a part of the British empire, were a unit for growth and power, while later on between the mother land abroad and American colonies and states at home, there was upon these borders at Lundy's Lane the second and severe struggle for practical independence upon the ocean as well as upon the land. Here, too, to-day we recall the glowing words of Father Hennepin descriptive of the grandeur of the Falls as they appeared two hundred years ago, and to-day all of us are made glad by the rescue from speculation and spoliation, of what was and what is the pride of the whole nation.

For all these previous years neither State nor people did more than fret and scold at uses and abuses which by neglect rather than by design had become more and more common, of a property once belonging to the State, and which it had parted from or abandoned as of no real value. The State might, and practically did, sell a great water power and an extended tract of land on the American shore, but it could not sell the grand and majestic river, fed by more than 1,000 miles of almost boundless lakes, deep as the sea, and moving on in perpetual flow from the dawn of creation. Just here, in the words of the great poet, thanks to the bounty of the State, and the voices of the people, once more

> "Heaven opens wide
> Her ever-during gates, harmonious sound
> On golden hinges moving."

Literally you may, perhaps in spite of sarcasm, repeat the words, "on golden hinges moving;" but in all the investments of the past, whether as a question of economy or in the interest to be paid for the money invested, in the greater travel and larger expenditures of people in the State, or in the nobler investment made to restore Niagara to the forms and features made by the Creator in what is grand and lofty and inspiring to at least four of our five senses, the return is for all time and all people, and in that "thing of beauty which is a joy forever," no better investment was ever made by States, corporations or peoples.

The past is beyond remedy in what has been a mistake or an evil, but we may now as a State and as a people, find satisfaction in comparing the past with the present or future time, in knowing that the present is secure. Hereafter, neither the descendants of the tribes along the Niagara,—as once in the visit and remonstrance of Red Jacket to this spot of land as the abode of his ancestors,—nor any of our own people, nor the people of any other tribe, nation or kindred, will behold Niagara barred, blocked or walled in from human eyes. Nor will any entrance fee be demanded to see the mighty waters beneath our feet, any more than the sun or stars in the heavens. The bow of promise seen so often

here by day and by night through the spray rising from the shores of the United States, is that spanning of the arch which we trust will hold the people of two great nations in the bonds of perpetual peace.

It is becoming, therefore, in conclusion, to thank the State of New York, its Legislatures and its three governors, Robinson, Cleveland and Hill, for the good work performed, and to thank Lord Dufferin and the Province of Ontario for what was promised in Canada in 1878-79, and for what we believe ere long will by her be performed in the future. Following the example of a people kindred in language and brotherhood, though not of the same nation—their flags—the cross and the stars—will catch the same breeze and float over the same waters, each as the symbol of peace and good will, now and for all time to come. In the name, and on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Niagara Falls Association, sincere thanks are tendered to the State and to all who have labored with them to make the American waters of Niagara as free to the people of all the world as the air they breathe or as the sun in the heavens.

Citizens of Niagara Falls: In your midst God has planted one of the great wonders of His creation. The sound of these waters is that voice of supreme power which is never hushed in silence, and the flow and sight thereof is typical of the immortal spirit and the real life within us. Be it your pride and pleasure as the favored children of this commonwealth to teach in these great revelations of nature—always before your eyes—the personal strength, endurance and faith so well illustrated in the waters of Niagara.

During his speech he was frequently interrupted by applause, and at the close he read the following letters, which were received with great enthusiasm:

FROM PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, July 6, 1885.

F. R. Delano, Esq., Chairman, etc.:

Dear Sir—I have received your invitation on behalf of the citizens of the village of Niagara Falls to attend the opening of the State Reservation at that place on the 15th inst. I should be glad to be present on this interesting occasion, but regret to say that my official duties will prevent my doing so. With thanks to the citizens of Niagara Falls for the cordiality of the invitation extended, and for the tender of their hospitalities, I am yours, very truly.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

From THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA,
July 9th, 1885.

Sir—I am desired by his Excellency, the Governor-General, to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 2d inst., in which, on behalf of the Commissioners of the State Reservation of Niagara, you have been good enough to transmit to his Excellency an invitation to the opening of the State Reservation of Niagara on the 15th inst.

His Excellency desires me to say that it would have given him the greatest pleasure to be present on this interesting occasion, but that it is absolutely impossible for him to leave Ottawa at the time, owing to the fact that the session of the Dominion Parliament will close on or immediately after the day upon which the ceremonies will take place.

His Excellency has seen with the greatest admiration the efforts which have been made by your citizens to do justice to the magnificent scenery of the Falls. He trusts that those efforts will be attended by the success they deserve, and that the example which has been set upon your side of the Falls may ere long be followed upon this.

His Excellency trusts that you will convey to the Commissioners his warmest thanks for their invitation. I am, sir, your most obedient servant,

H. J. ANSON,
A. D. C. for Governor-General's Territory.

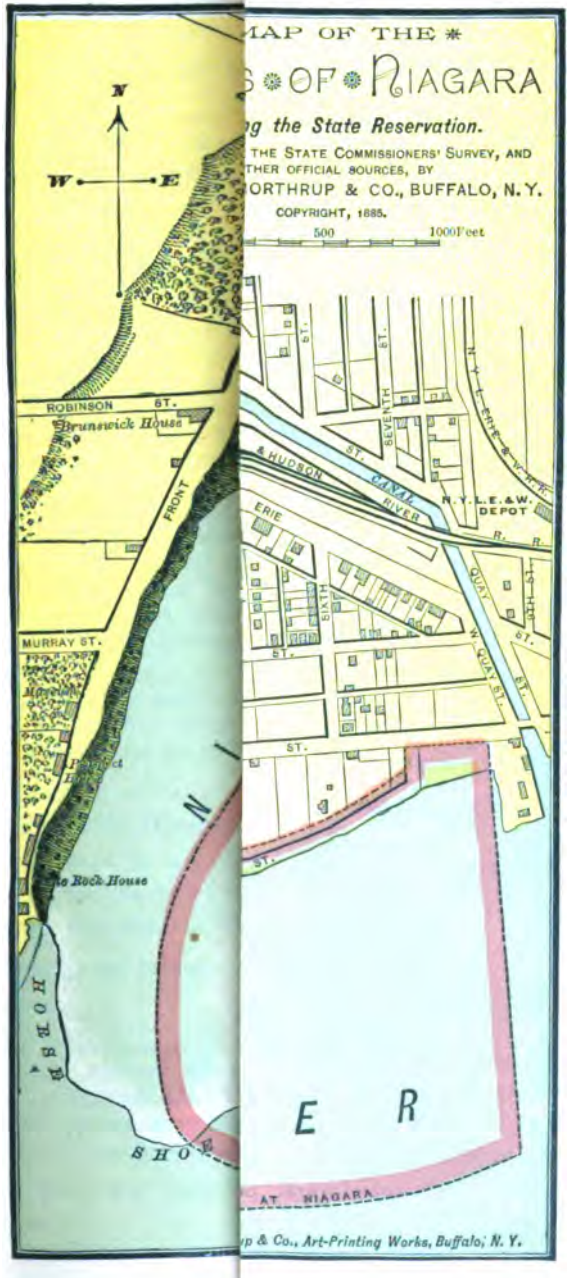
To William Dorsheimer, Chairman Commissioners of State Reservation at Niagara.

From SAMUEL J. TILDEN.

The following message was received from Ex. Gov. Samuel J. Tilden :

Mr. Tilden presents his compliments and thanks to the committee of citizens for their kind invitation, with his regrets that he cannot be present on the occasion of the celebration of the opening of the State Reservation at Niagara Falls. Mr. Tilden hopes that the advantages to result from making the access to the Falls and their vicinity free, will equal the most sanguine anticipations of those by whom it has so long been advocated.

When President Brooks concluded these letters, the chorus sang "My Country, 'tis of Thee," accompanied by the band. Mr. Brooks then introduced the Hon. William Dorsheimer, "who is well known to you all as the Chairman of the Reservation Commission," who made the formal presentation speech. He was greeted and frequently interrupted by applause. He said :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MR. PRESIDENT AND FELLOW CITIZENS:

In April, 1883, the Legislature of New York passed an Act by which a commission was created and charged with the duty of selecting such lands as should be found necessary for the preservation and restoration of the scenery of Niagara, and of conducting the appropriate legal proceedings to vest the title of the property in the State.

I now announce that those duties have been performed. The lands have been selected, the legal proceedings have been completed, the awards have been made with generosity to the owners, and yet with justice to the State, and from this hour Niagara is free. But not free alone. It shall be clothed with beauty again. The blemishes which have been planted amid these scenes will presently be removed. As soon as the hand of Nature, nowhere more powerful than in this favored place, can do the work, these banks will be covered with trees, these slopes made verdant and the cataract once more clothed with the charms that Nature gave it.

It is no part of my duty to dwell upon the lessons which this occasion teaches, nor to endeavor to express the emotion which it excites in every sensitive and patriotic heart. I congratulate you, Governor Hill, that it has been your fortune to associate your administration with a work which will preserve your name in the grateful memory of man throughout all generations.

I now, sir, leave it for you to make the announcement that this place is henceforth dedicated to public use, an announcement which will be heard with deep interest here, and I believe with equal interest throughout all parts of our country.

As he neared the close of his speech, when pronouncing the words which turned the Reservation over to the State, the booming of cannon was heard in the distance, which, like the old bell of 1776 ringing out the liberty of this country, announced to all within hearing distance that Niagara was once more free to the world.

In introducing the Governor of the State of New York, President Brooks said.

I have the great pleasure of introducing to you the Chief Magistrate of the State without whose approval and signature the Bill passed by the State Senate and Assembly would have been a failure and to whose official act therefore we are largely indebted for the satisfaction of this grand celebration.

Governor Hill was received with immense enthusiasm and spoke as follows:

FELLOW CITIZENS.—It has ever been the custom of our people to celebrate with appropriate ceremonies those great events which have made the history of our State illustrious. A few reminiscences of this character may not be uninteresting upon this occasion.

I am reminded that we stand upon historic ground to-day. Early in August, 1810, there was an assemblage at Niagara Falls, which, though few in numbers, was in some respects quite as important as the one now assembled. Here, after a long and tedious journey from New York city, came Dewitt Clinton, Gouverneur Morris, Stephen Van Rensselaer, Peter B. Proctor, Simeon Dewitt, William North and Thomas Eddy, the first commissioners ever appointed in relation to canals in this State—to decide upon the most feasible way of carrying out the long projected scheme of uniting the waters of Lake Erie with those of the Hudson. Among the plans proposed was the lockage of the Falls of Niagara and the improvement of the navigation of the Oswego and Mohawk rivers. It was this plan that brought these commissioners to Niagara Falls. This celebrated journey to the then far west, practically resulted in the adoption of the present route of the Erie canal, though seven years or more elapsed before that great work was begun.

The ground was formally broken at Rome, N. Y., July 4, 1818, by Dewitt Clinton, who removed the first shovelful of earth in the presence of a mighty throng of people, most of whom regarded all the ceremonies as a stupendous farce. The idea of making an inland river or water-course that would be navigable between the Hudson and Lake Erie was considered an utter impossibility, and the undertaking was derided as "Clinton's Ditch."

On October 25, 1825, the celebration of this,—then the greatest event of modern times,—took place in the city of New York. It was the grandest demonstration that had ever taken place in the State, if not in the Nation. The completion of the canal was announced to the citizens of the State by the roar of cannon planted in a continued line along the banks of the canal and of the Hudson, at intervals of about eight miles, extend ng from Buffalo to Sandy Hook, a distance of about five hundred and forty-four miles. The cannons were fired in succession, commencing at Buffalo at the moment of the entrance of the first boat into the canal; and the intelligence thus communicated, reached the city of New York at precisely twenty minutes past eleven. It took one hour and twenty minutes after the first cannon was fired at Buffalo, before the report was communicated through the line of cannon to New York. The rapidity with which the news was thus transmitted over the great distance, seemed almost fabulous.

Nearly sixty years ago, Dewitt Clinton, with appropriate ceremony, thus united the waters of Lake Erie and the Atlantic by pouring those of the former into the latter. The State had opened a communication between the two important bodies of water,

which, for many years, has been free to the commerce of the nation, and to-day with equal munificence, the State has opened the great Falls freely to the world, and proclaimed it in the presence of this vast multitude, amid the booming of cannon, the strains of sweet music, the marching of our citizen soldiery, the waving of flags and the enthusiastic acclamation of the people.

The construction of that other great channel of communication known as the Erie Railway, began in 1833, and it was formally opened May 14, 1851, by a grand excursion from Piermont, then the eastern terminus of the road to Dunkirk.

Among the excursionists were President Fillmore and four members of his Cabinet: Daniel Webster, Secretary of State; Hon. Wm. A. Graham, Secretary of the Navy; Hon. N. K. Hall, Postmaster-General of Buffalo; Mr. Crittenden, Attorney General; Hon. William H. Seward and Daniel S. Dickinson.

On the next day, the fifteenth, a grand celebration in honor of the event took place at Dunkirk, in the presence of 15,000 people gathered from Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. Among the orators of the day were Mr. Fillmore, Mr. Webster, Mr. Seward, Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Crittenden.

In 1871 the State laid the corner-stone of its magnificent Capitol at Albany, destined to be one of the finest structures upon the continent, in which all citizens may take a just pride. Governor Hoffman delivered an address upon that occasion in the presence of a vast concourse of people, which was replete with eloquence and learning.

In 1883 the first wire was suspended across the East River, in the harbor of New York, and there was witnessed the greatest triumph ever achieved by engineering skill and science, in the successful completion of the world-renowned New York and Brooklyn bridge. It was opened with impressive festivities and formalities in the presence of the honored chief magistrate of the country and his cabinet, as well as our own chief executive and a large concourse of the distinguished men of the times.

These demonstrations of former years to which I have alluded were in recognition of the wonderful achievements secured by the enterprise, ability, science and skill of our people. These ceremonies to-day, however, characterize a triumph of a different character. We rejoice—not at the victories of science or the sublime efforts of mechanical genius—but over that exhibition of elevated sentiment, unselfish generosity, creditable public spirit and genuine patriotism, which inaugurated and carried to final success this philanthropic project for the preservation to the world for its free use forever, of the majestic scenery of the Falls of Niagara—Nature's grandest gift to man. This festivity is a tribute to the beauties of nature—a testimonial to the wondrous fascination of

lovely landscape—a token of our grateful appreciation of the magnificent grandeur of the rushing waters of yonder deep.

The State accepts this Reservation. In its sovereign capacity it assumes formal possession in behalf of and in trust for the people whom it represents and whose property it now becomes.

Originally belonging to the State, it now fittingly returns to its primary, natural and appropriate ownership.

The State, by legislative act, properly places the management and custody of this public trust, in the hands of its constituted agents—the honored commissioners whose most valuable, gratuitous and unremitting services have contributed so much to make this great undertaking the magnificent success it is to-day.

All honor to their perseverance, their foresight, their generosity and their patriotism! Never was there a cause more worthy of generous human effort. I can certify that from the inception of this great project down to the present hour, involving, as it necessarily has, vast interests, many temptations and the expenditure of a million and a half of dollars, there has not been the slightest suspicion of wrong-doing or the least whisper of scandal affecting the proceedings of the commissioners. All has been done honestly, openly, fairly and conscientiously to their everlasting fame and credit, and to the satisfaction of the people. There will be no complaint on the part of any citizen at this outlay of the public money. For such and kindred beneficent purposes, New York cannot expend too much. We are abundantly compensated and our State pride is gratified by whatever contributes to the glory, the grandeur and the adornment of our commonwealth. We do not forget that there is but one Niagara Falls in the whole world. Nature has given no other State in our Union such a magnificent boon.

As Niagara divides its waters between the Canadas and New York alone, so will New York and the Canadas equally divide together the honors of this great enterprise, when it shall be fully perfected on the other shore as originally contemplated.

New York has its unrivaled Central park, Brooklyn its splendid Prospect park, the Capital city its Washington park, Buffalo its own superb park, the name of which I do not recall—and all over our commonwealth and in almost every city, the works of nature are being nobly utilized for the enjoyment and benefit of the people, while the State at large, from this time forth, has its own Niagara park.

This project for the preservation of the beauties of the greatest wonder of nature is indeed a noble one. Its conception is worthy of the advanced thought, the grand liberality, and the true spirit of the nineteenth century.

President Brooks then read the following Cablegram :

LONDON, ENG., July 14, 1885.

To Representatives State of New York, Niagara Falls:

Commons Reservation Society congratulate the State of New York on securing the Falls to the public.

The Orator of the day was next introduced.

ORATION

—OF—

HON. JAMES C. CARTER,

OF NEW YORK.

The occasion upon which we are assembled has a peculiar interest which needs no aid from speech. A great commonwealth is here by her official representatives, with the Chief Magistrate at their head, to perform a solemnity; not, as sometimes, to dedicate a structure to some great purpose of public utility or charity—not to consecrate a monument to the virtue or valor of her sons—not to celebrate a great event in her annals; but to make a solemn public acknowledgement—to declare that the awful symbol of Infinite Power, in whose dread presence we stand—these visions of Infinite Beauty here unfolded to the eye, are not a property, but a shrine—a temple erected by the hand of the Almighty for all the children of men; that it cannot be desecrated without her permission, nor, therefore, without her crime; that she confesses the duty of guardianship imposed by her empire over the place; that she marks out the boundaries of the sanctuary, expels from the interior all ordinary human pursuits and claims, so that visitors and pilgrims from near or far may come hither, and be permitted to behold, to love, to worship, to adore.

It is now some two hundred years since the Falls of Niagara for the first time burst upon the gaze of civilized men. These were La Salle and his associates, then engaged in a bold exploration westward towards the Mississippi. One of the company, Father Hennepin, a Catholic priest, had journeyed from the Old World, and was familiar, at least by report and description, with the cataracts of Europe. In his account of his travels and discoveries he sought to convey an adequate idea of this great wonder; but apparently felt, what all others since have felt, the utter insufficiency of language. He could but do little more than say, "The Universe does not afford its parallel!" But in the days of Father Hennepin the greater part of the earth was still a sealed book. Since that time every quarter of it has been explored. Rivers, mightier far than the Niagara, have been discovered. The Nile has been made to yield up his well-kept secret. The courses of

the great rivers of Central Africa, interrupted by mighty cataracts, have been followed. Humboldts have penetrated the interior of the South American Continent. The region of the Yosemite and the Valley of the Yellowstone have been scrutinized by thousands of visitors. The world contains no undiscovered cataract; but the sentence of Father Hennepin, in describing Niagara, still remains true as when he uttered it, "The Universe does not afford its parallel!"

The profound interest with which Niagara is beheld and remembered, and which gives it the first place among the great spectacles of nature, is due to a variety of elements, nowhere else to be found united. It is not owing chiefly to the sublimity of the scene, for the great mountain summits in many parts of the earth far surpass it in all the elements of the sublime. The loveliness of foliage and flower is displayed in more enchanting forms elsewhere in our own and in other lands. Finer examples of mere picturesque beauty in falls or rapids may be found amid the wonders of the Yosemite and Yellowstone Valleys, and in other parts of the world.

Undoubtedly the master feature of the scene is the near exhibition of overwhelming power. Nowhere else among the works of nature is such an amount of physical energy concentrated within so narrow a compass. But the mere spectacle of power—power pitiless, remorseless, resistless, like that of the volcano, or the tornado—could never impart the pleasure, or create the exaltation which the visitor experiences here. Here the beholder, confounded and bewildered by the overwhelming sense of resistless power, has but to return for an instant and find recovery and relief in the spectacle of that same power, no longer let loose for destruction, like the wrath of the hurricane, but eternally flowing, restrained, obedient, beneficent, and arrayed in every robe of the beautiful. It is this combined appeal to every sense and every faculty, exalting the soul into a higher sphere of contemplation, which distinguishes this spot over all others.

There is in man a supernatural element, in virtue of which he aspires to lay hold of the Infinities by which he is surrounded. In all ages men have sought to find, or to create, the scenes or the objects which move it to activity. It was this spirit which consecrated the oracle at Delphi and the oaks of Dodona; reared the marvel of Eleusis, and hung in the heavens the dome of St. Peter. It is the highest, the profoundest, element of man's nature. Its possession is what most distinguishes him from other creatures, and what most distinguishes the best among his own ranks from their brethren. Surely, it must be allowed that everything which tends, on the one hand, to indulge this sentiment, or on the other, to disparage or obstruct it, is matter of the deepest human concern.

It is a characteristic of this sentiment that it cannot endure a

discord. The rapt soul, borne aloft in visions, cannot sustain its elevation in the presence of intrusions which recall it to earth; and so the visitor to this natural temple, like the worshipper in a great cathedral, cannot feel the best inspirations of the place, nor receive its high teachings, if disturbed or disconcerted by incongruous sights or sounds.

The peril thus suggested is one to which Niagara has long been exposed. The noble forest growths which once crowned these banks have in large measure disappeared. The tender draperies of foliage and flower which everywhere concealed the nakedness of the rocks, have, in many places, been rudely stripped away. Unsightly structures, erected for what may be fitly called, in such surroundings, merely sordid purposes, everywhere meet the eye. And, in addition, the ordinary accompaniments of places of public resort, the showmen, the venders of small wares, the guides and other obtruders of petty and often needless services, with their small, but continual exactions, make up a sum of disturbing and irritating influences which tend to supplant with resentment and disgust the high emotions which the scene would otherwise inspire.

It was this degradation of the surroundings of Niagara which induced the effort of which we celebrate to-day the successful accomplishment. The residents of this neighborhood, justly proud of the possession of a great natural spectacle of sublimity and beauty which drew to them visitors from every part of the civilized world, the fond votaries of the scene, long accustomed to resort to it, and to study its features until they had

> "got by heart
> Its eloquent proportions"—

took alarm at the progress of the devastation. They knew, indeed, that the mighty floods from those inland seas could never be arrested, nor the thunders of the cataract silenced by human power:

> "Man marks the *earth* with ruin—his control
> Stops with the shore."

But they saw that the glorious framework of the divine picture was fragile as a web of gossamer, and that although the scene itself could never be destroyed, it might be disenchanted. They had learned also that much of the rare beauty of leaf, tree and flower, which seems to cling as if by some preference around the cataract, springs from conditions created by itself, and is, therefore, if I may borrow the fine language in which the thought has been expressed, "a part of its own majesty," and that to strip it of these glorious robes would be a dismemberment, leaving the great image a colossal deformity.

The circumstances which have thus tended to excite regret and even to arouse resentment in the hearts of the lovers of this great spectacle all over the world, could not, indeed, be imputed to the community which inhabited its neighborhood. They are such as

necessarily arise in connection with every place of great public resort, where they are not checked and restrained by the presence of a general superintending authority, and probably exist here in a less degree than in many other places to which large numbers are attracted. We are, indeed, indebted to the kindly care of these residents, and especially to that of the family so long the proprietors of a most beautiful part of these banks, and whose name is not more closely associated with this place than with the patriotic annals of the nation, that so much of their native beauty remains untouched; and the promised restoration of the scene to its original grandeur is welcomed by none with greater delight than is felt by those whose lives have been passed in its great presence. This joyous festivity in which we are hospitably invited to share, is the demonstration of their high satisfaction with all the measures which have been taken to achieve so important a work.

To those who were thus led to consider in what way the further degradation of Niagara might be arrested, there was but one measure which seemed adequate. The real source of the evil was perceived to lie in the circumstance that the surroundings of the scene and its approaches had been suffered to become the subject of private ownership. Private proprietors, ordinarily at least, are not at liberty to devote their possessions, of whatever nature, to any other purposes than those of profitable use. The mistake was that the fair territory which lies along these banks should ever have been allowed to become private property. It was once the noble possession of the People of the State. Would that it had always so remained. The plain remedy was a resumption by the State of its former dominion, and a movement was set on foot to bring about this result.

A suggestion tending in this direction was made in the summer of 1878 by the then Governor-General of Canada, Lord Dufferin, himself a well-known admirer of the great scenes of nature, to Governor Lucius Robinson, who made it the subject of a special communication to the Legislature of 1879, in which he warmly recommended the concurrence of this State in the proposition of Lord Dufferin for the appointment of commissioners by the two Governments respectively for the purposes of conference. Governor Robinson in his message expressed, in language worthy of his enlightened character, the real duty of governments whose territory embraces great natural spectacles. He said: "The civil "jurisdiction over the Falls of Niagara, as well as the shores and "waters of the Niagara River, is divided between this State and the "Province of Ontario in Canada. But, in one sense, the sublime "exhibition of natural power there witnessed is the property of the "whole world. It is visited by tourists from all quarters of the "globe, and it would seem to be incumbent upon both Governments to protect such travelers from improper annoyance on "either side."

The recommendation of Gov. Robinson was met by a joint resolution of both branches of the Legislature, directing the Commissioners of the State Survey to inquire and report what measures it might be expedient to take in order to carry out the purposes mentioned in the Governor's communication.

The movement thus initiated was reinforced by an appeal in 1880, in the form of memorials, addressed respectively to Governor Alonzo B. Cornell and to the Governor-General of Canada by citizens of the United States and Canada, together with many others, residents of other lands. Among them are included the names most distinguished in the Church, in the State, in poetry, in letters, and in art. They bear the illustrious names of Carlyle, Emerson, Longfellow, Whittier, Holmes, Lowell and Ruskin. Rarely, indeed, has such a company of eminent men in different lands united in a common object.

The Commissioners of the State Survey discharged the duty devolved upon them by the joint resolution of the Legislature, by causing a careful examination to be made of the present condition of Niagara Falls and its surrounding scenery; and of the operation of the perils to which they were exposed. This examination was made by the accomplished director of the Commission, Mr. James L. Gardner, and Mr. Frederick Law Olmstead, whose ardent interest in the beauty of landscapes, natural as well as artificial, had long before inspired him with the deepest concern for the future of Niagara Falls.

The conclusions of the Commissioners, founded upon the examination thus made, were expressed in a report to the Legislature, drawn up in a manner altogether worthy of the subject and of themselves. They set forth in convincing terms the extent of the deterioration already reached, and the inevitable results of further neglect, and recommended the acquisition by the State of a limited area of land along the banks of the river, sufficient to enable the work of protection and restoration to be prosecuted with effect.

The Legislature, in 1883, passed an Act adopting these recommendations, and providing a method for carrying them out. By this Act a Board of Commissioners was constituted, to be appointed by the Governor, with authority to survey and lay out such parts of the land adjacent to the Falls as it should, in their judgment, be expedient for the State to acquire, and to take the necessary judicial proceedings for ascertaining the value of the lands.

Of the character of the gentlemen appointed upon this commission I need not speak. They were selected by Governor Cleveland with wise discernment, and with reference only to their qualifications for a task so important. They at once proceeded with the discharge of their duties, and the entire work of selecting and surveying the lands and prosecuting the proceedings requisite to ascertain their value, was accomplished so as to enable them to make their report early in the present year.

It was indeed necessary, in order to render these measures entirely effective, that an appropriation of public money should be made to pay the ascertained value of the lands and the attendant expenses. That crowning act was performed by the Legislature of 1885, and the present Governor of the State, who does us the honor of his presence to-day, is to be congratulated upon the opportunity which has fallen to him of closing, by his signature, the series of most honorable executive acts in this movement for the restoration of Niagara Falls. The transfer of title has now been completed, and we have been called to witness its public recognition. No longer is Niagara, at least upon this bank, the property of men. The formal title does, indeed, rest in that great corporation composed of the people of the State in their sovereign capacity; but they assert no ownership. They reverently acknowledge a trust. In the allotment among different races and nations of the majestic displays of natural beauty or power, this chief example has fallen under their dominion. But its great purpose and essential use are not thereby changed. It is theirs only to restore, protect and preserve—theirs only, in common with all lovers of the sublime and the beautiful, to revere and enjoy.

The State of New York has done many memorable things which illumine her annals. She has erected great structures dedicated to charity. She has established a great system of universal education. She has raised and sent into the field vast armies to defend Liberty and perpetuate the great nation of which she forms a part; but in no single act has she shown herself more worthy of her renown, or of the place she fills in the nation and in the world, than by avowing, as she does to-day, her intention to forever guard and secure this spot against all profanation, for the delight, the elevation, and the improvement of mankind.

The effort has not passed into successful accomplishment wholly without a challenge. Minds accustomed to scrutinize narrowly the objects to which it is proposed to devote the public revenue, have questioned whether our civil Constitution permitted such an expenditure for the mere purpose of indulging a sentiment. The question and its decision are alike honorable. We cannot appropriate public moneys to anything but a public use. But public uses should certainly be deemed broad enough to embrace the gratification of the noblest aspirations of which human nature is capable. Pitiable, indeed, would be the spectacle of a people who had paralyzed themselves against the indulgence of a sentiment. It is in their sentiments that the life of a people is most truly manifested. Are we to teach at vast expense in our schools the methods and the order of nature, the ideals in poetry and art, an ' yet not cherish the majestic teacher that exalts all our ideals? It is our sectarian dissensions alone which prevents us from devoting any part of the public wealth to the highest of all public uses—religion; but in the worship inspired by this place we are all of one faith.

The sentiments of men are oftentimes more powerful than their interests even, and history furnishes some interesting proofs of the depth of the feelings, closely akin to those the triumph of which we celebrate to-day, which connect the sentiment of reverence in man with great natural objects. The superstition of early Greece asserted the existence at Delphi of a miraculous cleft in the earth, from which bursts forth a divine *afflatus* capable of inspiring the awful responses of Apollo; but this mere fable could scarcely have sufficed to render the spot the principle shrine of the favorite god. Situated in the most picturesque valley of Greece, at the foot of the lofty summit of Parnassus, it was the beauty and sublimity of the scene which enhanced the fame of the oracle. It was the surrounding scenery, exalting the imagination and kindling the religious emotions, which attracted the multitude of votaries and rendered the place the center of the Hellenic world. But the devout sentiments of the pilgrims were offended by the petty exactions of the neighboring seaport of Cirrha, and the fertile plain around the temple excited the cupidity of the neighboring husbandmen to make continual encroachments upon the sacred precincts of the god. The evil was endured for a time; but in the end all Greece arose in resentment at the profanation, and in a devastating conflict of ten years, fitly styled the "Sacred War," destroyed the offending town and choked up its harbor; swept from the Circassian plain all evidences of human ownership, and thus vindicated the insulted majesty of the god, and asserted the right of worshippers from every land to approach the great oracle unmolested.

It was a characteristic trait of the poetic superstitions of Greece to personify the visible forms of nature in a spirit of peculiar sympathy and tenderness. Into what a sublime Pantheon would Greek imagination have converted a scene like Niagara! An abode for every divinity, with the Great Thunderer himself in the midst shaking "his ambrosial curls!" A more spiritual as well as philosophic faith has dispelled these fond illusions; but poetry is still left to sing her sweet lament over a disenchanted world.

> "The intelligible forms of ancient poets,
> The fair humanities of old religion,
> The power, the beauty and the majesty,
> That had their haunts in dale or piny mountain,
> Or forest by slow stream or pebbly spring,
> Or chasms and watery depths, all these have vanished.
> They live no longer in the faith of reason."

The modern world, with its restless industrial activities, may, perhaps be less responsive to the inspirations of nature; but it is for the reason that the sensibilities are less awake, not that the voices are silenced. Nature addresses all ages in the same language, which the heart of man can understand without the aid of a mythology.

"The word unto the prophet spoken
Was writ on tables yet unbroken.
The word by seers or seraphs told
In groves of oak or fanes of gold,
Still floats upon the morning wind,
Still whispers to the willing mind."

Our work to-day is to restore a neglected oracle; to manifest our sense of the pre-eminent importance of this miracle of nature as a teacher—a source of every softening and elevating influence—to leave its own creative powers to reproduce its original majesty, and to throw wide open its beautiful gates, that all, of whatever race or clime, may enter in.

But, though the immediate task of New York is accomplished, the whole work is not yet finished. The great and friendly nation which occupies the opposite bank, holds in her hands a matchless part of the glories of Niagara. We are not to doubt that she is fully sensible of the duty which her dominion imposes, nor that that duty will be fully discharged. Our own endeavor had its origin, in part, in a suggestion proceeding from one of her distinguished chief magistrates. Our example cannot but stimulate her to decisive action. And what better pledge of everlasting amity could be given than a mutual and peaceful guardianship over these beautiful banks? The tumult of contending armies engaged in deadly strife was once drowned by the roar of the cataract. Does not that great voice forever say, "Peace, be still!" to the passions by which such strife is engendered?

"Oh! may the waves which madden in thy deep,
There spend their rage, nor climb the encircling steep,
And till the conflict of thy surges cease
The nations on thy banks repose in peace."

President Brooks, at the conclusion of Mr. Carter's oration, spoke with pleasure of the presence of the Ontario officials, and called upon Lieut.-Gov. Robinson for a speech. That gentleman as he stepped to the front was greeted with applause. He said he was sensible of the compliment paid him as the representative of the Province of Ontario in calling upon him. Not being on the programme or not being aware that he would be called upon, must be his excuse for his brief remarks. He felt that the compliment was due to the esteem, respect, and good will of the people of this country for the Province of Ontario, and to that illustrious lady and most gracious Queen who adorns the English throne. He believed that the present occasion was the first time that a Gover-

nor of Ontario had been called upon to speak to such a gathering in this country. It would be dangerous for him to go home after saying that the people here were better looking than the people in Canada. So he would leave that unsaid. He realized, however, hat he and his fellow countrymen were sons of the freest monarchy on earth, while you are the most republican of all the nations of the world, but there was such a slight difference in the liberty enjoyed by the two people that there was so little difference in their appearance; he dwelt upon the good feeling now existing between the two countries and expressed the hope that that feeling would never be disturbed. He was glad to know that the Reservation was started by the ex-Gov. Robinson. He also had the honor of being a Gov. Robinson. They might depend upon it that whenever there was a good thing started a Robinson had something to do with it. He expressed the pleasure he felt in participating in the ceremonies, and said that the Canadians would be stimulated by the good example of New York State. They had also taken the necessary steps to make a park on their side ; [cheers] an Act had been passed by the Parliament, and a survey had been made. In concluding he expressed the hope that when the International Park was an assured fact, the study of both countries would be for the convenience, pleasure, and comfort of visitors. Again applause was the rule.

MR. MOWAT'S REMARKS.

Premier Mowat was next introduced by President Brooks. His speech was most happy, and occasioned much laughter and applause. He first remarked that the audience appeared so much like Canadians that if he were not in New York State he would certainly suppose that he was in Canada. He expressed the satisfaction he felt in the fulfillment of a long-cherished hope. He also felt extremely anxious to annex the State of New York, to the Dominion of Canada [laughter], and promised that he should do his best to accomplish that object unless we anticipate him by annexing Canada. In this matter of the Reservation, Canada would

be content to follow the example of New York State, though progress might not be so rapid as Canadians desired. He reminded his hearers that the population of New York was 5,000,000, while that of the Province of Ontario was but 2,500,000. He also reminded them that the wealth of New York also exceeds that of Ontario. It was 50 years since New York's population was 2,500,000, he said, and the people of this State had waited that length of time before they instituted a free park. He promised, however, that Canada would not wait that length of time. He hoped that it would be his pleasure before his term of office expires to invite them all over to the Canadian side on a like occasion. If that time does not come before, he hoped his own term of office would be longer. He closed his remarks by inviting every one to the opening of the Canadian Park, to occur within a limited period.

After the cheers and applause which followed this speech had subsided, the chorus sang Keller's American hymn, followed by the doxology sung by the audience, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Coxe. President Brooks then adjourned the meeting to meet on the Canadian side, when a similar park shall be thrown open to the world.

The programme was interspersed with music, the instrumental music being rendered by an orchestra composed of the 65th and 74th Regiment Bands, and the International Band under the direction of Prof. L. H. Plogsted, and the vocal music by a grand chorus of 400 voices from the Societies of Buffalo and Niagara Falls, under the direction of Herr Johann Gelbke of Buffalo, F. C. M. Lautz of the Buffalo Liedertafel, rendering the solo "The Star Spangled Banner" with great power.

The festivities of the day were concluded by a military parade and review by the Governor in the afternoon, and elaborate fireworks in the evening.

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William Hodge, - - - - - -	1882
Wm. Dana Fobes, - - - -	1883—1884
Emmor Haines, - - - - - -	1887

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was held in the new and handsome rooms on the third floor of the Buffalo Library Building, on the evening of the 11th of January, 1887. The Hon. James Sheldon, the retiring President, occupied the chair. The attendance was unusually large and the members availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the arrangements of the new apartments.

The minutes of last annual meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

The Secretary read the following Annual Report of the Board of Managers:

The Board of Managers have the pleasure of submitting their annual report of the acquisitions and operations of the Society for the year 1886.

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY.

GENERAL FUND.

1886, January 1. To balance in treasury.....	$	70.87
" Dec. 31, " receipts for the year.....		2,632.54
	$	2,703.41
1886, Dec. 31, By payments during the year.....		1,429.10
Balance in treasury General fund..	$	1,274.31

PERMANENT FUND.

1886, Jan'y. 1, To balance in treasury.....	$	11,060.44
" Dec. 31, " receipts for the year.....		1,530.00
Balance in treasury Permanent fund		$12,590.44

LIBRARY.

The gifts to the Library from all sources during the year have been 1,123 volumes, making the whole number of bound volumes in the Library at the end of the year, 9,360.

Such rapid growth is without parallel in the history of the Society and it is with feelings of great satisfaction that we report this continued increase and prosperity of the Library, as well as of gratitude to all who have contributed to so good a result.

Among the ladies to whom the Library has been indebted during the past year, are

Mrs. Wm. K. Allen,
" Anna H. Fargo,
" Wm. H. Cutler,
" Geo. Denniston,
" Caroline L. Held,
Mrs. A. J. Rich,
" Mark B. Moore,
" John Sage,
" Wm. I. Williams,
" M. Nelles, Brantford, Ont.
Mrs. Eliza Ann Payne, Tonawanda, N. Y.

PAMPHLETS.

The Pamphlet additions of the year have been unusually large, 806 having been donated, many of them very rare.

We look upon them as indispensable treasures in a good library, as useful as any other works, and often contain information to be found in no other source. Their collection has been a prominent part of our library work.

The total number of Pamphlets now amount to 7,476; many of them have been bound and the balance thoroughly classified in pamphlet cases and indexed.

In addition to the above, we have received 32 Magazines and 62 Journals.

BOUND NEWSPAPER FILES.

That part of the Society's labors connected with collecting files of Newspapers we regard as very important, Our files of the early Newspapers published in Buffalo are very valuable, embracing in some instances the only copies extant.

We have now the pleasure to report an addition for the year, of 26 bound Volumes.

These newly-added files consist of:

The Buffalo Daily and Weekly *Express*, 1884, '85 and '86, 3 volumes. Gift of James N. Matthews.

The New World, 1841.

Mechanics' Journal, 1847.

New York District School Journal, 1841.

New York State Mechanic, 1842, 4 volumes. Gift of Thomas J. Fryer.

The *Albany Evening Journal*, from 1841 to '44, 2 volumes.

Albany Argus, from 1837 to 1843, 6 volumes.

The Rough Hewer, Albany, 1840, 1 volume. Gift of Mrs. W. H. Cutler.

Rough Notes, Buffalo, 1853, 2 volumes. Gift of Wm. H. Featherston.

The *New York Mirror*, 1833 and '34, 2 volumes, and the *Ariel*, 1829, 1 volume. Gift of Mrs. John Sage.

The Buffalo Journal, from 1826 to 1831, 3 volumes. Gift of Oran Follett, Sandusky, Ohio.

Connecticut Gazette, 1788 and 1801, 2 volumes. Gift of Mrs. A. J. Rich.

The papers which have been kindly and generously sent to the Society in addition to the above, are the following:

Buffalo *Express*, Daily and Weekly.

Commercial Advertiser.

Buffalo Daily Times.

Sunday Truth.

Buffalo Demokrat.

Gazette and Courier, Greenfield, Mass.

The Voice, New York, besides 170 miscellaneous newspapers containing Biographical and Historical sketches.

We have received by purchase, the Daily *Courier*, and the *Sunday News.*

The whole number of bound Newspaper files, daily and weekly, at the end of the year was 718 volumes. The number of unbound volumes is 49.

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION.

The manuscripts received during the year have been but few, but valuable of their kind.

A very comprehensive paper on Salt, and the Salt industry at Le Roy, N. Y., from D. R. Bacon.

The Rev. John W. Brown, D. D., contributes a paper of rare beauty and fitness on the late Rev. Dr. William Shelton, with a touching tribute to the character of the deceased; also, a paper prepared by Dr. Shelton, in 1817, on the creation of funds for the support of Literary men.

Mrs. Lucy William Hawes donates a very entertaining and instructive paper on Buffalo, Fifty Years Ago, with special reference to the Patriot War.

From John A. Hayward, late private Co. B. 21st N. Y. Volunteers, Chronicles of the 21st Regiment of New York State Volunteer Infantry, compiled at Washington, D. C., from Official Records, by donor.

MAPS, CHARTS AND ATLASSES.

This department has made some advance. The contributors are Hon. Robert C. Titus, Andrew Langdon, Mrs. Mark B. Moore, Hon. Robert Watson, Ottawa, Ont., and R. R. Buck.

MISCELLANEOUS PICTURES FRAMED.

View of New York City in 1855. Gift of H. D. Keller.

Perry's Victory on Lake Erie, Sept. 10, 1813. Gift of Edward L. Cook.

Photograph of the Mormon Bible. Gift of Edward

R. Gregg. This Photo was taken by him August, 1885, at Palmyra, N. Y., from an original copy of the book.

Photograph, showing the Battle Flag Detachment of the G. A. R., assembled at the foot of the Soldiers' Monument, Buffalo, on Decoration Day, 1886. Gift of Captain George Morgan.

Photograph of the Bronze Statue of Captain Joseph Brant, Victora Park, Brantford, Ont. Gift of George G. Barnum.

Photograph of the Keys of the old Bastile, Paris, the most renowned State Prison in Europe. Gift of H. S. Howell, Photographer, Galt, Ont.

A large Photograph of the National Memorial to Captain Joseph Brant, (Thayendanegea,) and the Six Nations Indians, erected in Victoria Park, Brantford, Ont. Gift of the Sculptor of the Memorial Percy Wood, London, Eng.

Photograph of Libby Prison, Richmond, Va., taken in 1863. Gift of Dr. Leon F. Harvey.

MEETINGS.

Besides the regular Monthly and Special Meetings of the Board, a series of delightful Club Meetings were held during the winter months, at which interesting Historical Papers were read.

These Meetings were well attended and very much enjoyed; they exercised a marked influence in popularizing the Society, promoting historical research among our members and largely increasing its membership.

A pleasant feature of these Meetings was the large number of ladies who honored the Society with their pres-

ence; this not only greatly encouraged us but gave dignity to this branch of the Society's work.

The following is a list of the subjects of the papers which were presented, and also of the names of their authors:

1. On the Fossilized Leaves found in a Quarry at Mumford, N. Y., and the Geological features of the section of country where the same were found.

2. On Salt, and the Salt industry at Le Roy, N. Y., by D. R. Bacon.

3. On the locating of the Erie Canal at Big Buffalo Creek, by William Hodge.

4. On the Yellowstone National Park, by Prof. H. Briggs.

5. On the late Rev. Dr. William Shelton, by the Rev. Dr. John W. Brown.

6. On Judah Touro, the Jewish Philanthropist, by the late Rev. Dr. Samson Falk.

7. On the New England Company, which was organized in England in 1649, for the purpose of furthering the objects of civilization among the Indians, by the Hon. James Sheldon.

8. On the Sandwich Islands, by Prof. Ray T. Spencer.

9. On Buffalo Fifty Years Ago, with special reference to the Patriot War, by Mrs. Lucy William Hawes.

The discussions that followed the reading of the papers were exceedingly interesting and have given a great deal of valuable information.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS FRAMED.

Map of Gen. Sullivan's route of march through Seneca County, along the shores of Cayuga and Seneca Lakes in 1779 drawn by A. Burch Case, from tracings made by Lewis Post, obtained from those in the hands of Col. Doty, in 1866 The original was owned by Gen. Thomas

Mechan, a son of Gen. Sullivan's engineer. Mechan died in Albany 16 years ago, at the advanced age of 93.

The dying address of the "Three Thayers" who were hanged in Niagara Square of this City, June 17, 1825, for the Murder of John Love, and sketch of their lives, condemnation and death. The striking feature of the document is its illustrations. Gifts of Lyman M. Baker.

A rare old historical parchment. One of the original Indian Grants from the Sachems of the Mohawks, that caused so much trouble between the Indians and the Grantees, and which is fully described in "Stone's Life of Sir William Johnson." The parchment bears date December 12, 1761. Gift of Gen. John C. Graves.

A remarkably handsome pen and ink copy of Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation issued January, 1863, beautifully illustrated by Miss Rebecca A. Hopkins, Carson City, Nevada. Framed in natural Wild Cherry, cut from a tree standing near the old Lincoln homestead in Illinois. Gift of Wm. Morehouse.

BUSTS.

We have the pleasure to report three valuable additions to this collection for the year.

One, a Marble Bust of the late Julius E. Francis, the first Marble in possession of the Society; it is a faithful likeness, artistically and skillfully executed, and reflects much credit upon the sculptors, Messrs. Ivo & Wegenaar, of this City; this Bust with a handsome marble pedestal is the bequest to the Society by the late Mr. Francis.

A plaster Bust of Demosthenes, a striking colored

head of European make, a fine work of art. Gift of Edward L. Stevenson, on his 80th birthday.

A portrait in plaster of Silas Wright, Governor of this State in 1845 and '46. Gift of the Hon. John T. Hudson.

It is hoped that this collection will continue to grow.

PORTRAIT GALLERY.

Two Oil Paintings have been added to the Art Gallery since last report, which increase the number of Portraits in Oil, to 62.

Portrait of the late Hon. Benoni Thompson, painted and presented by his daughter Mrs. Dr. H. S. Ellwood.

Portrait of Capt. James Ruff, an old Pioneer, who engaged in Lake Navigation in 1790. Painted by Bowman, an artist from Pittsburg, in 1817, and presented by Capt. O. W. Pollock, United States Army, and his sister Elizabeth.

Photographic Portraits of our president, the Hon. James Sheldon, Emmor Haines, the vice-president, and O. H. P. Champlin, presented by themselves.

The late Ex-Gov. Horatio Seymour, donated by Warren F. Miller.

Gaius Barrett Rich, presented by his grandson.

Thomas C. Reilly, gift of Hezekiah McMichael, the photographer.

Sylvester F. Mixer, M. D., presented by his widow.

Solomon Obail, grandson of the famous Chief John Obail, otherwise known as Cornplanter. Gift of Wm. C. Bryant.

Portraits on steel, of Pascal P. Pratt and Henry W. Box, presented by themselves.

Rev. Arthur Burtis, D. D., donated by the Misses Burtis.

Abraham Lincoln, the gift of William Morehouse.

Gifts to the Albums have been received from Wm. C. Bryant, friends Historical Association, Philadelphia, Pa., and L. F. Hamilton, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

The Society has a creditable gallery of portraits of Buffalo Pioneers and old Citizens, prominent Indian Chiefs and distinguished men, and would thankfully receive any additions to it.

It is to be hoped now that we have good apartments for the display of paintings, that others of our Buffalo Pioneers and War Heroes will furnish theirs at an early day, or photographs of the portraits with which they cannot consent to part.

WAR RELICS.

Among the donations received under this head are the following:

A relic which has a tragic family history: an eight-barreled cylinder from a Colt's rifle, formerly owned by Dr. Henry Perrine, who was killed by the Seminole Indians, and his body burned in his house during the massacre at Indian Key, Florida, August 7, 1840. This cylinder was found in the ruins of the house after the savages had left, and presented to the Society by one of the survivors who escaped from the massacre, a son of Dr. Perrine.

From William D. Wells, a sword used by him in the Patriot War when a member of the Buffalo Artillery, under command of Capt. Schwartz, in 1837.

From Rev. Geo. W. Cutter, D. D., a twelve-pound shell which was recently discovered about two feet under ground near Front Avenue and Seventh Street, in this city; it was probably fired from Fort Erie to Fort Tompkins during the War of 1812.

Lemuel H. Flersheim, Chicago, Ills., sends us Belt and Sash of Surgeon Charles H. Wilcox, 21st Regiment N. Y. Volunteers.

From John R. Lee, a pair of Colt's Navy Revolvers taken from the holsters of a captured Colonel of a North Carolina regiment, at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., 1862, by Major Edward L. Lee, 21st N. Y. Volunteers.

From Zenas Clark, two drum-sticks used by him as Drum Major of the Union Continentals.

AUTOGRAPHS.

Many Autographs of distinguished persons have been added to our former list.

Autograph letter of Erastus Granger, (the first resident Indian Agent at Buffalo Creek) dated 1805. Gift of Hon. Geo. S. Conover, Geneva, N. Y.

General Winfield Scott, Buffalo, January 25, 1838. Gift of H. W. Burt.

Robert Morris,, (a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Revolutionary notable,) dated February 14, 1799.

Francis S. Key, (Author of the Star Spangled Banner,) May 28, 1806. Donated by John A. McAllister, Philadelphia, Pa.

General James A. Garfield, dated March 24, 1877,

and John Quincy Adams, March 17, 1845. Contributed by William Perkins.

Jefferson Davis, dated 1859. Gift of J. A. Burch.

Twenty-one Autograph letters of Union and Confederate Generals, many of whom were famous. Presented by Sylvester Chamberlain.

CABINET ADDITIONS.

A piece of Brussells Lace, worn at a ball given at the Eagle Tavern in honor of Lafayette, who visited the small village of Buffalo, in 1825. Gift of Julia Joy Morehouse, East Evans, N. Y.

From B. A. Lynde, a pay-roll of the Continental Army, found among the papers of his father, the late Albertus L. Lynde, of this city.

From Garret W. Payne, Tonawanda, N. Y., a Continental bill for $8.00, dated 1775, paid to his grandfather for services in the Revolutionary War. A lot of Indian relics plowed up on his farm, and one of the first buttons brought to America by the Puritans.

A Medal struck to commemorate the laying of the corner stone of the New York Seventh Regiment Armory, by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free Masons, October 13, 1877. Gift of William Poillon, A. M., New York City.

A Bass Viol used by Mrs. Polly Hull Lewis, in leading the choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, 1812--1815, and at rehearsals at her own house. Gift of Clarance S Lewis, Fredonia, N. Y.

Twenty-nine Copper Coins, many of them rare and valuable. Two Silk Badges Buffalo 21st Regiment Vet-

eran Association; valuable Manuscripts and Army Passes. Gift of John A. Hayward, Washington, D. C.

A relic of Perry's Flag Ship, Lawrence. Gift of John C. Gager.

Medal commemorating the Brant Memorial. Gift of Geo. G. Barnum.

An Album containing specimens of Envelopes used during the "Civil War," with patriotic and other devices which represent certain phases of American mind in that period. Gift of Thomas & Lasher.

The last Mail Bag sent from James Gordon Bennett's Steamer Jeannette before her wreck in the Arctic Ocean. The bag was made by a native of Helena Island. Gift of Henry D. Richardson, Mare Island Navy Yard, Vallejo, Cal.

From Major F. H. Furniss, Waterloo, N. Y., a one dollar bill on the Bank of Niagara, State of New York, issued in Buffalo in 1827, with engravings of Red Jacket, a distinguished Seneca Chief, and C. Van Antwerp, President of the old Dutch and Holland Land Company.

Two Medals commemorating the old Pynchon House in Springfield, Mass., called old Fort Pynchon, erected in 1660, and taken down in 1831, one of three fortified houses at the time Springfield was burned by the Indians in 1775. Gift of J. A. Bolen, Springfield, Mass.

A Silver Medal which Commodore Jesse D. Elliott, caused to be struck about the year 1844, in honor of J. Fenimore Cooper, Esq., in token of grateful acknowledgment to that distinguished author for the historical justice which he has awarded to the character and

conduct of Commodore Elliott in his published writings. Gift of William Perkins.

Writ of attachment, dated March 4, 1784. Gift of Geo. Starr Potter.

British Government Stamp for 5 pounds sterling and Chancellor's Seal, bearing date 1781. Gift of H. S. Howell, Galt, Ont.

Three copies fac-simile of Franklin's first Newspaper, "The New England *Courant*," of February 11, 1723. Gift of Andrew Langdon.

Two Invitations, one to New Year's Ball at the Eagle Tavern assembly room, December 24, 1832, the other, to a Fireman's Ball given at the Eagle Street Theatre, Feb'y 8, 1844. Gift of Franklin Sidway.

VISITORS.

The Library has been open to visitors daily during the past year. A record has been kept, and the Register shows an increased number of visitors to our rooms.

Never before have we had so many strangers to inspect and enjoy the collections.

The Library and other sources of information which belong to the Society, have also been consulted daily by our citizens for Historical, Genealogical, Statistical and Legal enquiries, in which our early records, particularly of Deaths and Marriages, which commences with the publication of the first Buffalo Newspaper in 1811, have been especially helpful.

The facilities for reference afforded by the Society have been extended freely to the public, thus making some

return to the community for the liberality which has been bestowed upon it.

THE RED JACKET MONUMENT FUND.

Since the remains of Red Jacket and contemporary chiefs and warriors were reinterred at Forest Lawn substantial headstones of granite, bearing appropriate inscriptions, have been erected over the graves of Red Jacket, Little Billy, Destroy Town, Captain Pollard, The Young King and Tall Peter.

The principal Memorial to Red Jacket and the Iroquois was intended to be a handsome granite shaft surmounted by a bronze statue of the great orator.

The foundation and first course of masonry above the ground have been laid.

The work of completing the Monument has, however, been temporarily suspended for the lack of funds. It is hoped that an enterprising and liberal public will not long suffer this deserving project to languish.

The example of our neighbor, the Province of Ontario, in the instance of the splendid Monument erected by its citizens to Thayendanegea, is deserving of emulation.

LITERARY EXCHANGES.

Our Exchange list with Sister Societies and other Public Libraries of the United States and Canada, has been steadily extended the past year with great advantage to us. It now embraces over Two Hundred Societies and Libraries similar to our own. In exchange for the many valuable gifts sent us we have not always been able to make an adequate return, but we hope to resume the publication of our Historical Collections at an early day.

BINDING FUND.

Your Board would call the attention of the Society to the importance of providing a Binding Fund; it is one of our principal wants.

We have a very large number of Pamphlets, Magazines, Journals, Bulletins and Reviews, many valuable Books, and Newspaper files, which have accumulated since the organization of the Society in 1862, that should be bound and placed in the Library; its value and usefulness would be greatly enhanced,

The calls on the general fund are too numerous and pressing to permit us to do anything in the way of binding except a few newspaper files, and those in the cheapest manner.

No friend of the Society can render it a more acceptable service than by contributing to this fund.

OBITUARY RECORD.

Our Obituary register commences with the publication of the first Buffalo newspaper in 1811, and has been continued to the present time.

1928 names of citizens of Buffalo and Erie County, of the age of twenty years and upwards, who died here or elsewhere, have been added to this record during the past year, with their ages and dates of death alphabetically arranged.

MARRIAGE RECORD.

From the same period embraces all the marriages which have been announced in the Buffalo newspapers.

For the past year 1544 were added to this record

alphabetically, under the surname of each party, and the names of the Journals in which they were published.

Realizing the importance and the growing value as time rolls on, of these two records of deaths and marriages, it is the intention of the Society to continue them. They will at all times be written up for consultation by its members and accessible to the public free of charge.

In Memoriam

Rev. Samson Falk, D. D.

Upon the occasion of the death of Dr. Falk, the Board of Managers adopted the following memorial presented by the Hon. James Sheldon.

"The Board of Managers of the Buffalo Historical Society having learned of the death of the Rev. Samson Falk, D. D., who for many years has been a Member of this Board, desires to express in this formal man-

ner its sense of the great loss the Society and our community have sustained.

Dr. Falk occupied a commanding position in our City and Country; not only on account of his abilities and learning, but as the representative of a large and influential portion of our citizens.

He was a man of enlarged and generous views upon all matters pertaining to questions of human liberty and religious faith, sympathizing in every movement for the amelioration and improvement of mankind and affording in his life and character an example worthy of the emulation of every citizen.

For several years he has been one of the Councillors of this Board, faithfully aiding the interests of the Society by his personal influence and counsel.

It is therefore ordered that this memorial be adopted as a tribute of respect to the memory of Dr. Falk, and that it be incorporated into the records of the Society, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of the deceased."

MEMBERSHIP.

Never, during any previous year of the Society, has there been so much interest and activity manifested on the part of our members to increase the membership, and have it large enough to pay all expenses out of the annual dues, and the Society is much encouraged at the result of their efforts.

During the year 18 Life, 102 Resident, 26 Corresponding and 1 Honorary Members were added to the Society, and the following named members have died:

Ex.-Gov. Horatio Seymour,	Thomas Sidney Hawks,
Austin Flint, M. D.,	George Howard,
Frank W. Tracy,	William H. Beyer,
Anthony Feldman,	Cyrus P. Lee,
Lloyd P. Smith,	Ex-Pres. Chester A. Arthur,
Frank Hamilton, M. D.,	Hon. Erastus Brooks,
John M. Hutchinson,	Dr. John P. Gray,
Rev. Samson Falk, D. D.	Elam R. Jewett.

Isaac L. Lea, LL. D.

The Membership Roll shows 372 Resident, (including 80 Life,) 347 Corresponding, and 29 Honorary members.

THE BRANT MEMORIAL EXERCISES AT BRANTFORD.

Early in October last our Society, its Officers and Members received a cordial invitation from the Committee in charge, to attend the Memorial exercises, October 13th, on the occasion of unveiling the Monument erected at Brantford, Ontario, to the memory of the great Captain of the Six Nations, Thayendanegea, or Joseph Brant.

The invitation was accepted, and the Society was represented by two of its officers and a Corresponding Member, Mr. George H. Harris, of Rochester.

The occasion was of considerable historic interest and the representatives of the Society were most hospitably entertained by their Canadian hosts.

Nearly all the aboriginal tribes, resident in Canada were represented by their Chiefs, Head men and Warriors, affording to the Anthropologist a rare opportunity of observing and comparing the varying physical and mental characteristics of our indigenous population, ranging as they did from the stalwart Blackfeet, and crafty Crees, of the

Northwest, to the civilized Six Nations, Delawares and Chippewas, who still haunt their ancient seats in the peninsula of Ontario. Many of them wore their old-time garb, ornaments and weapons, bore themselves proudly, and were fine specimens of a race so fast disappearing from the gaze of men.

The Monument which was designed by Mr. Percy Wood, of London, Eng., reflects great credit upon the gifted artist, and on the patriotic citizens, and Indian tribes, who jointly bore the expense of its erection.

The Six Nations of Indians, resident in Canada, contributed $5,000 to the Monument fund.

At the banquet in the evening, perhaps the most inspiring and eloquent speech was made by a young Mohawk Chief. It is to be hoped that the projected Monument to Red Jacket will soon cease to be a dream, and become a reality.

In this connection it may be proper to add that the Society was honored with invitations to unite in the ceremonies accompanying the unveiling of the Bronze Statue of Columbus, the great Navigator, in Tower Grove Park, St. Louis, Mo., October 12th. Also to be present on the occasion of the inauguration by the President of the United States, of the Statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World" to be presented to the people of the United States, by the people of France, October 28th, but that owing to circumstances which could not be obviated, the Society was not represented on either of those memorable occasions.

OUR NEW APARTMENTS.

The most important fact in the history of the Society during the past year, is its removal from our old quarters, which we had long since outgrown, to the fine suite of rooms which have been reserved for the Society in the New Buffalo Library Building.

Never before has the Society met under such favorable auspices as on the present occasion.

As we look around us through the beautiful and spacious apartments, sufficiently commodious for the present and prospective wants of the Society we are more than gratified with the happy change.

Our removal has been to another Fireproof building, and the guarantee which it offers to the Society for the safety of its valuable historical treasures, which are rapidly increasing in number and importance, gives us great pleasure and satisfaction.

The work of removal to the new apartments was begun on the 20th day of December, and is now completed.

The present arrangement of the collections, and furnishing of the apartments is only *temporary*. The *appropriate* fitting up of the rooms is in the future.

We present a brief description of the elegant rooms now occupied by the Society.

The actual floor space is 9,200 square feet, with a 13½ foot ceiling, and well lighted.

This space is divided into four rooms; that assigned to the Library is 55x40, with tables and conveniences for readers and students.

An Historical Museum Room, 70x41, is set apart for

our Indian Collection, Curiosities, Battle Flags, War relics, etc. Also the large and valuable collection of the Francis Memorials, the celebrated Lord Library, and the Library bequeathed to the Society by that estimable lady, the late Caroline C. Fillmore.

A room for meetings and social gatherings, and which is to contain the collection of Newspapers, Pamphlets, Manuscripts, Photographic Portraits and Statuary, 74x32.

That occupied by the Portrait Gallery *only*, is 53x35. All neatly furnished, and so arranged as to be attractive for members and others visiting them.

The rooms are heated by steam, and for artificial light are supplied by gas, and will be, (if found necessary,) by the incandescent electric light.

The building is not supplied at present with an elevator, but easy access to the rooms may be had by the grand stairway.

Our citizens who have so generously contributed to the fund to defray the expense of our removal and furnishing these apartments, and also subscribed so liberally to the fund for this magnificent edifice, and the Committee of the Buffalo Library which has carried the enterprise to so successful a termination, and so fittingly prepared these large and cheerful rooms for our reception, will be held in grateful remembrance, not only by the Buffalo Historical Society, but by the generations who will come after us and reap the advantages of this permanent home for History, Literature, Science and the Arts.

CONCLUSION.

The steadfast liberality of our members and friends has carried us through another year. Never during any previous year of the Society, have we made such substantial progress as in the past year; it has been one of signal prosperity to this Society. Our finances have been greatly increased by the addition of over a hundred paying members, and Fifteen Hundred and Thirty Dollars have been added to our Permanent Fund by the payments to wit: of One Thousand Dollars on the legacy of Thomas C. Reilly, deceased. Four Hundred and Eighty Dollars on the bequest of Caroline C. Fillmore, and Fifty Dollars for a Life Membership.* Our Exchange list has been enlarged, and we have received valuable returns. Many and generous have been the gifts bestowed on us.

The additions to our Library and other collections of the Society, far exceed those of any previous year.

This increase is mainly due to the efforts and devotion of a few individuals, who realized the importance of the work, and proves that by the associated effort of all our members, much more could be accomplished, and greater additions made to its treasures.

* NOTE.—It is confidently expected that the Society will receive from the Executors of the Reilly Estate an additional Five Hundred Dollars.

The will of the late Francis W. Tracy, containing the noble bequest to the Society, of Ten Thousand Dollars, is being contested. The contestant has, however, authoritatively expressed her wish and determination in case the contest results in her favor, that this with other public spirited and charitable bequests be paid in full.

It is to be hoped that other wealthy citizens may emulate the example of Mr. Tracy in seeking to endow a worthy institution and assist in widening its sphere of operations.

There is no institution of the city, the people should be more proud of than the Historical Society. Faithful to the purposes of formation, we are gathering and preserving, classifying and arranging a collection of Historical treasures and priceless memorials of other days, and to the best of our ability, rendering them all accessible to the public.

We urge our members to labor for the success of the Society, to build up a collection which would be a credit to the city, and that every citizen will be proud of and invite the public to share in its privileges and generously strengthen its resources.

On motion the Report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Hon. E. S. Hawley moved that 1,500 copies of the report be printed, for which a contract shall be made in advance as to cost of same at the lowest price. Carried.

Mr. Hawley offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Select Committee which has had charge of the removal into these new rooms, and arranging the property be requested to continue to act as such committee.

Gen. Graves moved that the chair appoint a committee of seven to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Carried.

The President appointed the following named gentlemen: Gen. John C. Graves, Wm. C. Bryant, Lee H.

Smith, M. D., F. F. Fargo, Wm. K. Allen, Thos. B. French, J. C. Greene, M. D.

The committee reported the following nominations:

President—Emmor Haines.

Vice-President—James Tillinghast.

Recording Secretary—Dr. Leon F. Harvey.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian and Treasurer—Geo. G. Barnum.

Councillors—Hon. James Sheldon, Wm. Dana Fobes, Thos. B. French, Gen. John C. Graves, Wm. C. Bryant, Geo. W. Townsend, Wm. K. Allen, Rev. Dr. A. T. Chester, W. H. H. Newman, Andrew Langdon, Hon. E. S. Hawley, Hon. Jacob Stern, Moses Shire, J. C. Greene, M. D., Martin Clark.

The Hon. E. S. Hawley moved that the Secretary cast the ballot for President, Vice-President and Recording Secretary.

Gen. Graves and Marsden Davey were appointed tellers.

The ticket as reported by the committee was elected.

Dr. A. T. Chester moved a vote of thanks to Judge Sheldon, the retiring President, for the able manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Society and the great interest he has at all times taken in the affairs of the Society.

Mr. E. S. Hawley seconded the motion testifying to

the devotion of Judge Sheldon, to the welfare of the Society and his labors in increasing its different departments.

Wm. C. Bryant very heartily joined the gentlemen in their well-merited remarks.

The motion prevailed by a unanimous vote.

On the announcement of the election, Vice-President Tillinghast, in the absence of President Haines, took the chair.

The meeting was then adjourned.

CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1886.

Albright & Smith, Buffalo. 2 Newspapers.
American Numismatic and Archæological Society, New York. 6 Pamphlets.
American Catholic Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa. 34 Pamphlets.
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass. 4 Pamphlets.
Andrews, J. B., M. D., Buffalo. 1 Volume and 1 Pamphlet.
American Library Association, Boston, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
American Congregational Association, Boston, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Andrews, Israel Ward, L. L. D., Marietta, Ohio. 9 Pamphlets and 1 Volume.
Anthony, Rev. Albert, Tuscarora, Ont. 1 Volume.
Allen, Hon. Oliver, Mumford, N. Y. 1 Newspaper.
Ancient Order of United Workmen of the State of N. Y., Dunkirk. 2 Volumes.
Allen, Mrs. William K , Buffalo. 26 Volumes.
Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal Association. 1 Volume.
Bleistein, George, Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Bacon, D. R., LeRoy, N. Y. M. S. Paper on Salt.
Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. 5 Volumes and 1 Pamphlet.
Bartlett, Truman H., Boston, Mass. 4 Pamphlets.
Brown, Rev. John W., D. D., Buffalo. 1 Autograph, 2 MSS. and 1 Magazine.
Baker, Lyman M., Buffalo. 1 Map Framed.
Board of Health, Buffalo. Statements of Mortality for 1886.
Burt, H. W., Buffalo. 1 Autograph Letter.
Becker, Hon. Philip, Buffalo. 3 Pamphlets and Records.
Brooks, Hon. Erastus, New York. 5 Pamphlets.
Beauchamp, Rev. W. M., Baldwinsville, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet.
Bradley, C. B., A. B., Berkeley, Cal. 1 Pamphlet.
Bell, Hon. Chas. N., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can. 3 Volumes.
Burtis, the Misses, Buffalo. 1 Portrait.
Bostonian Society, Boston, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Burtis, Morse, New York City. 1 Volume.
Buffalo Water Commissioners, 1 Volume.
Buck, R. R., Buffalo. 2 Volumes and 1 Map.
Bandelier, Prof. Adolph F., Santa Fe, N. M. 3 Pamphlets.
Barnum, Geo. G. Jr., Duluth, Minn. 1 Pamphlet.
Bigelow, Allen G., Lockport, N. Y. 1 Leaflet.
Barnard, Joseph E., Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Box, Henry W., Buffalo. 1 Portrait.
Barnum, Geo. G., Buffalo. 1 Photo, Medal, Papers and Stamps.

Brentano Bros., New York City. 2 Pamphlets.
Bedford, John M., Buffalo. 3 Volumes.
Bryant, Wm. C., Buffalo. 2 Portraits.
Bolan, J. A., Springfield, Mass. 2 Medals.
Baker, Walter & Co., Dorchester, Mass. 1 Volume.
Burch, J. A., Buffalo. 1 Autograph letter.
Butter, Richard, New York. 1 Pamphlet.
Cannon, Hon. H. W., Washington, D. C. 1 Volume.
Conover, Hon. Geo. S., Geneva, N. Y. 2 Pamphlets, 1 Paper, and 1 Autograph letter.
Chautauqua Society of History and Natural Science, Jamestown, N. Y. 3 Pamphlets and 3 Papers.
Chicago Historical Society, Illinois. 2 Pamphlets.
City Messenger, Boston, Mass. 2 Volumes.
Cook, Edward L., Buffalo. 1 Picture.
Cutler, Mrs. W. H., Buffalo. 12 Volumes and 1 Pamphlet.
Courier Company, Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Civil Service Reform Association, Boston, Mass. 1 Paper.
Canadian Institute, Toronto, Ont. 2 Pamphlets.
Champlin, O. H. P., Buffalo, 1 Portrait.
Charity Organization Society, Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet.
Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford. 1 Paper.
Clarke, Robert & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, 2 Volumes.
Chamberlain, Hon. W. H., Detroit, Mich. 27 Volumes.
Cutter, Rev. Geo. W. 1 War Relic.
Clark, Zenas, Buffalo. 2 Drumsticks.
Craig, Isaac, Allegheny City, Pa. 1 Paper.
Cary, Charles, M. D., Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet.
Cook, Hon. Frederick, Albany, N. Y. 1 Volume.
Chester, Rev. A. T., D. D., Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Chicago Public Library, Chicago, Ills. 1 Pamphlet.
Charency, M. LeComte, Orne, France. 1 Pamphlet.
Chambers, Patrick, London, Eng. 1 Pamphlet.
Chamberlain, Sylvester, Buffalo. 21 Autograph letters.
Department of State, Washington, D, C. 7 Volumes and 14 Pamphlets.
Dobbins, D. P., Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica, N. Y. 6 Leaflets and 4 Pamphlets.
Delaware Historical Society, Wilmington. 1 Pamphlet.
Delaney, Wm. E., Buffalo. 2 Volumes.
Duren, Hon. E. F., Bangor, Maine. 1 Volume and 1 Paper.
De Peyster, Gen. J. Watts, Tivoli, N. Y. 1 Volume and 2 Pamphlets.
Denniston, Mrs. George, Buffalo. 60 Volumes.

Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, Iowa. 2 Volumes and 1 Pamphlet.
Dodd, Hon. W. H., Raleigh, N. C. 10 Pamphlets.
Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 38 Volumes.
Dawson, Henry B., Morrisania, N. Y. City. 1 Volume.
Domedion, F. W., Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Dudley, J. P., Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Essex Bar Association, Salem, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass 10 Pamphlets.
Ellwood, Mrs. Dr. H. S., Buffalo. 1 Portrait in Oil.
Farquhar, Hon. J. M., Washington, D. C. 9 Volumes.
Furniss, Major F. H., Waterloo, N. Y. A One-dollar bill and 11 Papers.
Forum Publishing Co., New York. 1 Pamphlet.
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Pamphlet.
Fitch, E. Henry, Cleveland, Ohio. 4 Journals.
Featherston, Wm. H., Buffalo. 2 Volumes.
Fobes, Wm. Dana, Buffalo. 6 Newspapers.
Follett, Oran, Sandusky, Ohio. 3 Volumes.
Friends' Book Association, Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Pamphlet.
Fernow, Berthold, Albany. 1 Pamphlet.
Fairfield County Historical Society, Bridgeport, Conn. 2 Pamphlets.
Flersheim, Lemuel H , Chicago, Ills. Belt and Sash.
Fargo, Mrs. Anna H., Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Friends' Historical Association, Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Pamphlet and 9 Photographs.
Fanton, Bull, Havana, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet.
Fisher, John W., Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet.
Funk & Wagnalls, New York. 1 Volume, complete file of *The Voice* for 1886.
Green, Hon. Samuel, Boston, Mass. 4 Volumes, 193 Pamphlets and 7 Leaflets.
Gregg, Edward R., Buffalo. 1 Photograph.
Gleason, Alfred W., Toledo, Ohio. 2 Volumes.
Greenwood, Isaac J , New York City. 1 Pamphlet.
Gilkison, Col. T. J., Brantford, Ont. 1 Volume.
Gormly, W. M., Pittsburgh, Pa. 1 Newspaper.
Greer, Robert, Sarasota, Florida. 1 Pamphlet.
Griffin, Martin I. J., Philadelphia, Pa. 44 Pamphlets, 5 Volumes and 9 Newspapers
Grabau, Prof. W., Buffalo. 1 Volume and 1 Pamphlet.
Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa. 1 Pamphlet.
Grace, Hon. Wm. R., New York City. 1 Pamphlet.
Gibbs, Clinton Burt, Buffalo. MSS. Report.
Green, Rev. Rufus S., D. D., Buffalo. 6 Pamphlets and 2 Volumes.
Graves, Gen. John C., Buffalo. 1 Parchment framed.
Graham, A. A., Columbus, Ohio. 1 Pamphlet.

Gager, John C., Buffalo. Relic of Perry's Flag Ship Lawrence.
Greene, John B., Buffalo. 36 Volumes and 49 Pamphlets.
Historical and Philosophical Society of Cincinnati, Ohio. 2 Pamphlets.
Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. 3 Magazines.
Hamilton, L. H. F., Niagara Falls, N. Y. 1 Photograph.
Harris, George H., Rochester, N. Y. 4 Papers.
Hale, Horatio, M. A., Clinton, Ont. 2 Pamphlets,
Hill, Gov. David B., Albany, N. Y. 1 Volume and 1 Pamphlet.
Hawks, E. C., Buffalo, 1 Leaflet from L. Parker's Journal, 1814.
Hayne, Hon. Martin A., Washington, D. C. 1 Pamphlet.
Hodge, Willard Way, Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Hazen, Gen. Wm. B., Washington. 1 Volume.
Horsford, Prof. E. N., Cambridge, Mass. 2 Volumes.
Historical and Scientific Society of Manitoba, Winnepeg, Can. 4 Pamphlets.
Harden, William, Savannah, Ga. 1 Pamphlet.
Hopkins, John's University, Baltimore, Md. 1 Pamphlet.
Harvey, Dr. Leon F., Buffalo. 2 Papers, 2 Pictures, 1 Pamphlet and 1 Volume.
Hayden, Rev. Horace E., Wilkesbarre, Pa. 3 Pamphlets.
Hulbert, Geo. H., Waterloo, N. Y. 1 Paper.
Hayward, John A., Washington, D. C. 2 Pamphlets, 2 Badges, 9 Army Passes, 29 Copper Coins and 1 Volume.
Haines, Emmor, Buffalo. 1 Portrait.
Howell, H. S., Galt, Ont. 1 Photograph and British Government Stamps.
Hudson, Hon. John F., Buffalo. 55 Volumes, 22 Photographs, 1 Bust, 83 Pamphlets and Journals, and 6 Diplomas.
Hall, E. A. Greenfield, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Hayward, George W., Buffalo. 9 Volumes.
Hausauer & Rappold, Buffalo. Complete file Sunday *Truth* for 1886, 1 Volume.
Held, Mrs. Caroline L., Buffalo. Complete file Buffalo *Demokrat*, 2 Volumes.
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pa. 2 Pamphlets.
Iowa State Historical Society, Iowa City. 4 Pamphlets,
Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis. 1 Pamphlet.
Indian Publishing Company, Hagarsville, Ont. 3 Papers.
Journal of Science Publishing Co., Cleveland, Ohio. 6 Journals.
Keller, H. D., Buffalo. View of New York City in 1855.
Krause, Albert, Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet.
King, Hon. Horatio, Washington, D. C. 2 Volumes and 1 Pamphlet.
King, John, Toronto, Ont. 1 Pamphlet.
Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka. 1 Volume.
Library Company of Philadelphia, Pa. 2 Pamphlets.
Lee, John R., Buffalo. 2 Pamphlets, 2 Revolvers and 1 Paper.
Lynde, B. A., Buffalo. Pay Roll of the Continental Army.

Livingston Co. Historical Society, Mt. Morris, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet.
Lockwood, Hon. Stephen, Buffalo. 7 Volumes.
Lasher, Hazard, Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet.
Lea, Isaac, LL. D., Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Volume.
Loomis, Watts T., Little Falls, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet.
Lancaster Library, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Lippincott, J. B. & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Volume.
Langdon, Andrew, Buffalo. 2 Pocket Maps, 3 Papers and 38 Volumes.
Lewis, Clarance S., Fredonia, N. Y. 1 Bass Viol, old-time Relic.
Lackawanna Institute of History and Science, Scranton, Pa. 1 Pamphlet.
Love, John L., San Francisco, Cal. 1 Newspaper.
Lowry, A. N., Buffalo. Poem on Niagara Falls.
McMillan, Hon. Daniel H., Buffalo. 1 Lithograph, 14 Pamphlets and 9 Volumes,
Morgan, Capt. Geo., Buffalo. 1 Photograph and 3 Papers.
McCredie, James, Buffalo. 28 Volumes.
Morehouse, Julia Joy, E. Evans, N. Y. 3 old Papers and Piece of Brussels Lace.
Moore, Mrs. Mark B., Buffalo. 23 Volumes, 28 Pamphlets, 2 Maps and lot of old Papers.
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston. 2 Volumes.
Matthews, James N., Buffalo. The *Express* for '84, '85 and '86, 6 Volumes, 4 Pamphlets and 26 extra Sunday Papers.
McAllister, John A., Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Volume, 2 Autographs and 1 Newspaper.
McMichael, H., Buffalo. 1 Portrait.
Maimonides Library, New York. 2 Pamphlets.
Morehouse, William, Buffalo. 1 Document framed and 1 Portrait.
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Lyman, Prof. C. S.	New Haven, Conn.
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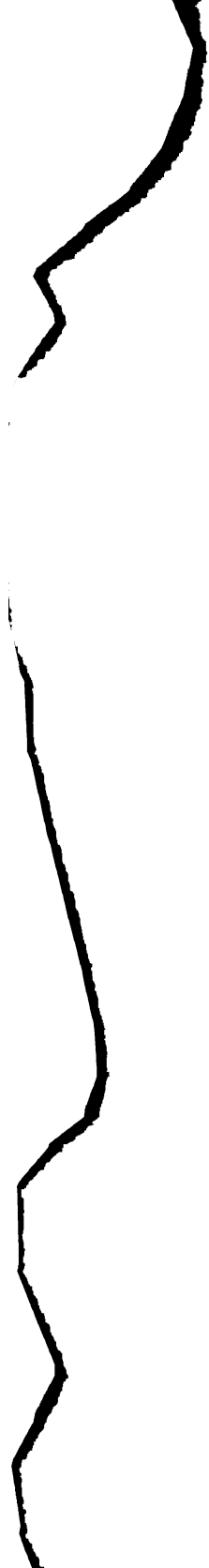

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OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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PRESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY,

From its organization to the present time.

*Millard Fillmore from	1862 to 1867
*Henry W. Rogers,	1868
Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D.	1869
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Wm. H. H. Newman,	1885
*Hon. James Sheldon,	1886
Emmor Haines,	1887
James Tillinghast,	1888

*Deceased.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

WE, the undersigned, citizens and residents of the City of Buffalo, within the State of New York, of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards, and citizens of the United States, do, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, hereby associate ourselves together, and form a Corporation, or Society, for Historical purposes.

The name or title by which such Society or Corporation shall be known in law, is "THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY." The particular business and object of such Society and its general design is, to discover, procure, and preserve whatever may relate to the History of Western New York, and the City of Buffalo in particular, and likewise aim to gather statistics of the commerce, manufactures, and business of the Lake region, and those portions of the West that are intimately connected with the interests of Buffalo.

The Officers of such Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, and a Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, Treasurer, and nine Councillors, who, together, shall constitute the Board of Managers of said Society. The number of Managers of said Society, as aforesaid, shall be fourteen, and their names for the first year of its existence, are as follows:

*MILLARD FILLMORE, *President.*
LEWIS F. ALLEN, *Vice-President.*
*CHARLES D. NORTON, *Recording Secretary.*
*GUY H. SALISBURY, *Cor. Sec'y and Librarian.*
*OLIVER G. STEELE, *Treasurer.*

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*WILLIAM SHELTON,	*NATHAN K. HALL,
*WALTER CLARKE,	*GEORGE W. CLINTON,

*GEORGE W. HOSMER.

*Deceased.

The principal office and place of business of such Society, shall be located at said City of Buffalo, in the County of Erie.

We, the undersigned, members, officers, and managers of such Society, do hereby certify the matters above stated, to the end that we, our associates and successors, may, pursuant to the statute of the State aforesaid, in such case made and provided, be a body politic and corporate, by the name above stated, and in witness whereof, we have severally hereunto subscribed our names, the thirty-first day of December, 1862.

G. W. CLINTON,
ASHER P. NICHOLS,
WM. DORSHEIMER,
OLIVER G. STEELE,
HENRY W. ROGERS,
MILLARD FILLMORE,
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O. H. MARSHALL,
JOHN B. SKINNER,
HENRY DAW.

{ Stamp. 10 cents. }

COUNTY OF ERIE, } ss.
CITY OF BUFFALO, }

On the sixth day of January, 1863, personally appeared before me, George W. Clinton, Asher P. Nichols, William Dorsheimer, Millard Fillmore, Lewis F. Allen, Guy H. Salisbury, Oliver G. Steele, William A. Bird, Henry W. Rogers, George R. Babcock, Orsamus H. Marshall, John B. Skinner, and Henry Daw, severally known to me to be the persons described in, and who executed the above instrument, and they severally acknowledged the execution of the same.

{ Stamp. 10 cents. }

M. P. FILLMORE,
Commissioner of Deeds
For the City of Buffalo.

The undersigned, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court for the Eighth Judicial District of the State of New York, hereby consents to, and approves of the filing of the annexed certificate, for the incorporation of the Buffalo Historical Society.

Dated January 8, 1863. R. P. MARVIN.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State, of the State of New York, and in the office of the Clerk of the County of Erie, January 10, 1863.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was held at its rooms in the Buffalo Library Building, on the evening of the 10th of January, 1888.

Emmor Haines, the retiring President, occupied the chair.

The minutes of last annual meeting were read by the Secretary, and approved.

The Secretary read the following Annual Report of the Board of Managers:

The Board of Managers submit the following report of the condition and progress of the Society for the past year.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

GENERAL FUND.

1887.	January 1.	To Balance in Treasury..... $	1274.31
	Dec. 31.	" Receipts for the year,.....	4069.97
			$5344.28
1887.	Dec. 31,	By payments during the year....	4908.50
		Balance in treasury General fund,.	$435.78

PERMANENT FUND.

1887.	January 1,	To Balance in Treasury.....$	12,590.44
	Dec. 31,	" Estate Caroline C. Fillmore Balance of Bequest,	200.00
		Balance in treasury Permanent Fund.	$12,790.44

THE LIBRARY.

During the year there were added to the Library 285 volumes.

Of these 285 volumes 260 were by Gift and Exchange, and Binding 25.

The whole number of bound volumes in the Library at the end of the year was 9645.

While the number of volumes added is not so large as we have before reported in one year, their average value is much greater.

The largest contributors to the Library, and other collections of the Society in the past year, have been the ladies, and we desire to place it upon record to their credit.

Many circulars reach us announcing the publication

of works in History, Genealogy, Biography, etc. which the Society would gladly purchase if it possessed the necessary funds.

No occasion however should be lost of securing every publication large or small, which relates to our own State, and especially to the local history or interests of our own city.

PAMPHLETS.

We have gained very gratifying accessions in this line, as since our last report 256 have been donated.

It is the general tendency to underrate their value, but we recognize their importance as materials for history, and hope our friends who have pamphlets, will gratify their generous impulses and contribute them to the Society.

Our collection is quite extensive, and now numbers 7,732, many of which have been bound, and others arranged in cases, and indexed.

In addition to the above, the Society has received *regularly*, the following Publications:

The Magazine of Western History. Gift of Andrew Langdon.

Queries, a Monthly Review. Gift of C. W. Moulton & Co.

American Catholic Historical Researches. Gift of M I. J. Griffin, Philadelphia, Pa.

American Architect and Building News. Gift of Ticknor & Co., Boston, Mass.

Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal. Gift of the Editors.

The American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal, by purchase.

Also a large number of miscellaneous magazines and journals, gifts of the publishers, a complete list of which will be found in the *Appendix*.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

During the year we have had 18 volumes of newspapers from our files bound and placed in the Library.

The additions are: The Buffalo *Express* from July to Dec. 1886, one volume handsomely bound, gift of James N. Matthews, complete files for 1887 of the Buffalo *Express*, *Daily Courier*, *Commercial Advertiser*, Buffalo *Daily Times*, *The Sunday Truth*, *The Sunday News*, *The Buffalo Demokrat*, Greenfield, Mass. *Gazette and Courier*, *The Voice*, New York City, The *I. C. B. U. Journal*, Philadelphia, Pa.

All except the *Sunday News* and *Daily Courier* are donations.

The grateful thanks of the Society are due to the editors and publishers, who have generously given us the regular issue of their papers.

The entire number of bound newspaper files at the end of the year was 722 volumes. The number of unbound 43. This is indeed a collection of great value. No department of our Library is more frequently consulted.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS, ETC.

The Society possesses a very large number of cuttings from newspapers of Biographical, Historical, and

Antiquarian articles, so arranged and indexed as to be readily referred to.

Also a large mass of Circulars, Programmes, Notices, Invitations, Tickets of Admission, etc., the accumulation of many years, mounted in books and indexed, many of them quite historical, and will be found to form precious memorials of a by-gone age.

To the donors of the many valuable sketches which have been received since our last report, we tender the Society's thanks.

BUSTS.

Valuable additions have been made to this department from the Lord Collection, viz.:

Washington, (when about 30), Lincoln, Clay, Milton, Webster, (with an ornamented pedestal,) Calhoun, Shakespeare, Cicero, Seneca, Franklin, John G. Deshler. The number of Busts in the Library are one of Marble, and twenty in Plaster.

AUTOGRAPHS.

This collection of the Society embraces many Autographs of Early Settlers, and Letters of distinguished characters, carefully arranged in volumes and indexed.

Two, received in the past year, merit recognition:

That of Col. H. Berdan, to a Special order dated Camp of Instruction, U. S. Sharp Shooters, Washington, D. C., Dec. 27, 1861, found among the papers of the late Capt. Edward Drew, and presented by Lucretia D. Wesley, of Armonk, N. Y.

The other, of Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, to an Army Pass given to Col. Ferris in 1835, donated by his son George.

MISCELLANEOUS PICTURES AND DOCUMENTS FRAMED.

We have received from Rev. John W. Brown, D. D. a full-length silhouette profile of John Carpenter, first Cashier of United States Branch Bank, Buffalo, 1831, found among the papers of the late Dr. Shelton.

From Wm. H. Brandel, Photographer, two large and lovely Photos of the old North Street burial ground, exterior and interior views.

John H. Bosher, two colored Lithographs of Richmond, Va., taken in 1851 and 1855.

Louis Pfeffer & Sons, colored Lithographs of prominent Union and Confederate Generals and Statesmen as they appeared during the great Civil War, 1861–'62.

Lucius Boutelle, engraving of the old Eagle Tavern and its surroundings, with Autograph of Ben Rathbun, its noted Proprietor, bearing date, Oct. 1, 1827.

Geo. G. Barnum, the first prayer in Congress, Dec. 1777 and Large Photo of the Keys of the old Bastile, Paris.

Mrs. Seth Caldwell, colored Lithograph of Steamer on the N. Y. Providence and Boston Line.

New York Life Insurance Company, origin of the Stars and Stripes.

Horace L. Bliss, Photographer, Photo of the site on Grand Island in the Niagara River proposed by Mordecai

Manuel Noah, on which to lay the foundation of a City of Refuge to be called Ararat, Sept. 1825.

Wm. F. H. Stephenson, Picture of First Infant School in Greene Street, New York City, July 16. 1827.

Edwin T. Evans, an engraving of Buffalo Harbor, in 1827, picked up in a shop in London, by Mr. Chas. Henry Townshend.

Mrs. Dr. Geo. E. Hayes, Photo of Residence corner of Main and Best Streets.

Dr. Leon F. Harvey, Photo View on Main and Swan Streets.

MANUSCRIPTS.

We are indebted to the Hon. Geo. S. Conover, of Geneva, for a rare manuscript history of Kanadesaga and Geneva, written by himself. It is a huge volume, the work of many years of labor and untiring investigation.

It is divided into three parts, and beginning with the early Indian inhabitants, traces the history of Geneva, and the surrounding region down to the present time.

As a book of reference, the volume will be invaluable to our students of local and frontier history.

With this addition to our Manuscripts, we can report 118 single, and twenty-four bound volumes.

In this connection, we wish to remind our members and citizens that one of the objects of collection desired by this Society, is Manuscript Narratives and reminiscences of Pioneer Settlers of Buffalo and Western New York, their statements regarding occurrences of early days, exploits, perils, and hardy adventures,

Any such contributions of materials for history, would be very acceptable and gratefully received.

MAPS, CHARTS AND ATLASSES.

The principal donors to this collection in the past year have been.

Messrs. Thomas & Lasher, Map of the seat of war in Europe and Asia, 1877. Eleven Miscellaneous Pocket Maps and Telegraph Chart of the world, overland and submarine.

Seth L. Mason, Bird's-Eye View of Buffalo, 1863, mounted.

From the Lord collection, seven Miscellaneous Maps, one Ecclesiastical Chart, and one North American Atlas.

The Maps in the Library number 488, printed and manuscript, two large volumes Military and City, and sixty-two Pocket Maps.

We have seventy-seven Miscellaneous Charts, eighty-five Government Surveys, and sixteen Atlasses.

All the Maps and Charts not bound or on rollers, are carefully arranged in portfolios, numbered and indexed.

PORTRAIT GALLERY AND ART ANNEX.

Many and valuable have been the gifts to our Portrait Gallery.

Three Portraits in oil were painted and presented by L. G. Sellstedt, Superintendent of the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy. That of John Kuecherer, the first Ger-

man settler in Buffalo, generally remembered as "Water John," so called because he was the water-carrier of the village.

That of the late Thomas Le Clear, member of the National Academy of Fine Arts, New York City, and one of himself.

We are also indebted to S. B. Grosvenor for that of his Uncle Seth Grosvenor, founder of the Grosvenor Library, painted by Le Clear.

Our collection of painted portraits now numbers sixty-five.

The Steel Etchings received, are of Jean Antoine Houdon, Sculptor of Washington; William Allen, Chief Justice of Pennsylvania; Justice James Iredell, of the Supreme Court of the United States. Gifts of Albert Rosenthal, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Crayons are of J. C. Greene, M. D., in Knight Templar Regalia, life-size, presented by himself; Thomas B. French, Chief Engineer of old Fire Department, Buffalo, in fireman's costume, life-size, presented by Hose 2, together with his hat, to Madame T. B. French, and by her donated to the Historical Society.

The Photographs and Portraits on Steel are of the late Peter Emslie, Capt. Frederick Miller and Dr. George E. Hayes, presented by their widows.

A tinted Photograph of the late Rev. John C. Lord, D. D., the gift of Mrs. Mary M. Samo, also of

The Hon. James M. Smith, William C. Bryant,
" " James O. Putnam, Andrew Langdon,
" " Sherman S. Rogers, Ethan H. Howard,
" " Elias S. Hawley, Henry Spayth,
Phineas H. Strong, M. D.

All appropriately framed, and presented by themselves. Gifts to our Albums were received from Mrs. Caroline Mountpleasant.

The Art Annex has received from the Lord Collection—two Historical Paintings 7 by 10 feet—half-oval; The Battle of Drumclog, and the Sortie of Joan of Arc upon the English from the Gates of Rouen, in handsome gilt frames. Photographs of large imperial size of Rev. Dr. Lord and Eben P. Dorr, framed.

The whole number of portraits framed is 225. Daguerreotypes, cabinet size, 24; in collections, 89.

We have in Albums, 792 portraits of distinguished men, Pioneer Settlers and founders of Buffalo.

These interesting volumes of likenesses are furnished with proper indexes, and have been arranged with great care, and here they will be preserved in lasting remembrance.

THE LORD LIBRARY.

Your Board have to report that the Society entered into a contract, September 27th last, with the City of Buffalo, under their respective seals, in consideration of the payment to it of $1,000 for the first year, and the payment thereafter each and every year of the sum of $500, to provide for the preservation and maintenance of the large and valuable Library bequeathed to the City by the late Rev. John C. Lord, D. D., and for keeping said Library distinct, open

and free of access to all residents of the City at all reasonable times, and to make proper rules and regulations for the use, management and protection thereof.

This Library has been received and placed in the new cases provided for it.

PUBLICATION OF COLLECTIONS.

We have been enabled during the past year to continue the Publication of our Collections by an arrangement with the Messrs. Bigelow Brothers.

The Third Volume of the Manuscript treasures of the Society will be forthcoming in a short time, and we are glad to announce that the character and scope of the contents of this Volume will be equally as enjoyable as were the earlier volumes.

BEQUESTS.

It is with much satisfaction we report three Bequests to this Society in the past year, viz.: That of the Hon. John T. Hudson of $1,000, conditional on the Society becoming the depository of a few personal effects.

Next is the legacy of William Hodge, conveying a lot of land 100 feet square, on Hodge Avenue.

And lastly, the gift of M. S. Hawley, of $1,000, conditional on the preservation and care of a small box of family writings and keepsakes.

May we not hope that other wealthy citizens will bestow a portion of their surplus wealth upon our Society, that it may have an endowment, to place it beyond the reach of capricious favor, and thus never be suffered to languish for want of means to sustain it.

THE FILLMORE LIBRARY.

This Library has been catalogued and arranged in a new case, surmounted by a handsome oil portrait of Mrs. Fillmore, the donor of the Library.

THE CABINETS.

Important additions have been made to our Cabinets.

Prominent among them is a Privateer's Commission dated April 4, 1779, granted by George III. during the Revolution, to John Porteus, of New York City, a great-grandfather of the donor, Mr. Edward S. Dann.

Bill of Sale of a Slave, dated Oct. 1, 1862, found in Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 4, 1864, by Samuel T. Smith of Buffalo, attached to Sherman's Army, now of Kansas City, Mo.

George Ferris donates a Copper Cross, picked up by his father, the late Charles D. Ferris, an officer in the Texan Army, from the ruins of the Church of Saint Guadaloupe, in the village of San Felipe, which was sacked during the Texas Revolution in 1835-'6.

He also presents to the Society a Hard Cider Cup, which was awarded to his father in 1840 by the Harrison Club of Buffalo, for the best Harrison Campaign Poem, together with the manuscript and printed music.

Mrs. S. Cary Adams sends us a Harrison and Reform Badge, used by Whigs in the Log Cabin Campaign of 1840.

Nathaniel Hall donates a Two-Dollar Bill, Confederate currency.

Wm. H. Meader, Quaker Springs, N. Y., One old Brit-

ish Copper Coin, reign of George III., dated 1714, picked up on the old Saratoga battle-ground.

Emmor Haines, 1 Mexican Silver Quarter and 1 Ten-Cent Cuban fractional currency.

Henry L. Sheldon, Middlebury, Vt., Four specimens of Scrip, issued during the Civil War. Money of the early part of this century, 4 specimens, and the Sheldon family Medal, with coat of arms, birth and death of individual members.

Mrs. S. N. Callender presents a Forty-Dollar Bill, Continental currency, 1777, 1 Spanish Silver Sixpence, 2 Gold Coins, 25 and 50 cents, 8 Copper Coins, English, French and Chinese, a Pine-Tree Shilling, dated 1652, picked up on the shore at Long Branch 40 years ago, and one original Copy of the Charleston *Morning Post*, dated Oct. 27, 1777.

Merritt Nichols contributes One Large Turkish Copper Coin.

Gen. C. W. Darling, Utica, N. Y., sends us a note for Ten Dollars, issued by the Bank of Lapeer, Mich., 1837, and miniature copy of the Utica *Herald*, size 3x4¼ inches.

W. H. H. Newman presents a reprint fac-simile of the first printed Copy of the Constitution of the United States, and Medal commemorating the Centennial of its adoption.

Andrew Langdon, fac-simile of Franklin's first newspaper, the New England *Courant*, February 11, 1723.

From the Lord Collection, 50 Rare Old Silver Coins, and 55 Miscellaneous Relics, mostly from foreign lands.

They have been given a prominent place in the Museum Room, neatly labelled and arranged in the new cabinet, set apart for them, and put on exhibition.

John B. Newman donates 2 New Centennial Postage Stamps to complete our collection.

Percy Wood, London, England, has kindly remembered us with a complete set of the Silver Coins of England, with the exception of the sixpence, which was called in as unscrupulous persons were gilding them and passing them as half-sovereigns.

They were struck to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria, are six in number, new and very handsome.

S. H. Smith brought us from Grand Pre, Nova Scotia, Fragment of Coffin from graveyard on site of Old Acadian church in which the Acadian men, women and children were assembled in 1752 to hear the mandate of the British Government banishing them from their homes. Longfellow's "Evangeline" is founded on this action.

Gen. John C. Graves presents the Society with the seal adopted by the Superior Court of Buffalo in 1854, superceded by a new one of the same device.

Samuel Altman donates fac-simile of the last issue of the *Daily Citizen* of Vicksburg, Miss., printed on wall paper, July 2, 1863, two days before the city surrendered to Grant.

Mrs. E. C. Parker presents a piece of Bread, and 105 Papers, published in Richmond, Va., in 1864, brought from Libby Prison by her late husband, Lieut. E. C. Parker, 94th N. Y. Volunteers.

Alvah Church brought us from Charleston, S. C., specimens of Earthquake Sand, thrown up through geysers by the great earthquake, Aug. 31, 1886.

Hon. J. P. Merritt, St. Catherines, Ont., contributes a statement and drawing of a Universal Decimal Currency, for the promotion of trade and advancement of science.

Photo taken in London by donor, Sept., 1859, of Map in the British Museum of the British Dominions in North America, with the limits of the governments annexed thereto, settled by treaty and proclamation Oct. 7, 1763, size 2¾ by 3½ inches.

John Heath presents a Six-Dollar Bill, Continental currency, 1777.

Piece of hawthorne bush, near the cottage of Robert Burns, in Ayrshire, Scotland, inlaid with ebony and orange by donor.

An electrotype in nickel of medal given by Queen Victoria to R. Lappin, Army of India, for bravery in the Sepoy War, at Bhurtpoor, 1799–1826.

VISITORS.

Ever since the Society moved to its handsome quarters in the Buffalo Library Building, the number of visitors to the rooms, daily, has been very large, and the interest manifested in the Society and its rare possessions was never what it is now.

When the Society occupied contracted quarters, our Librarian exhausted all his resources of arrangement in providing for the accessions to its archives, and found it impossible to display its treasures to advantage, and not

until now have people realized the value of the collection or its growth.

INDIAN MEMORIALS.

Indian Relics and Curiosities have a place in the new rooms set apart to be especially devoted to their preservation and display. We report the following additions for the year:

One large birch-bark Canoe. Gift of Merritt Nichols.

One hundred and eleven arrow-heads of various colors and four stone implements, found at Wakeman, Huron Co., Ohio. Gift of John Heath.

A lock of hair and fragment of leggins taken from Red Jacket's coffin when his grave was opened in 1852 Gift of H. D. Farwell.

A white arrow-head, found at Norwich, Conn., where Uncas, the last of the Mohicans, is buried. Gift of Wm. R. Cushman.

From the Lord Collection. An Indian water-jug and mat, woven by Indians in Arizona from grass of the plains.

Percy Wood, Sculptor, London, England, presents a piece of the tomb of Capt. Joseph Brant, "Thayendanegea" erected 1807, near the Mohawk Church, Brantford, Canada, *not wilfully broken off*, but procured during the recent alterations to the tomb, which necessitated certain removals of stone-work.

With a little effort on the part of our members, this collection of Indian memorials could be increased. Facts and statements could be secured for the Society, relative to the history, genius, progress or decay of our Indian tribes.

With such facilities for collection as this State affords, we should have one of the finest archæological cabinets in the country.

There is no time for delay. Let us hasten and gather up their traditions and history before the sun ceases to gild the wigwams of these proud "children of nature."

CLUB MEETINGS.

The first and only Club Meeting held last winter, was at the residence of Gen. John C. Graves. It was one of the pleasantest meetings in the annals of the Historical Society, to those who attended and heard the paper read by Thomas J. Sizer, on "The Last Days of Baron Steuben and their Reminiscences." It was written by Mr. Sizer's father, an old resident of Steuben County, who was intimate with the Baron's family, and was a most valuable contribution to history. At the conclusion of the paper, Gen. Graves added some very excellent remarks to the discussion of the subject.

The club meetings should be continued; they are always attended by a large representation of the Society's members, and as an auxiliary organization, besides its social feature, it supplies our files with many desirable papers for the Society's publications, and increases its membership.

OUR RECORD OF DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

The Obituary record from 1811 to the close of 1887 contains the names of 26,029 citizens of Buffalo and Erie County of the age of twenty years and upwards, whose death has been announced in the Buffalo newspapers.

The Marriage record from the same period numbers 19,181, entered alphabetically, under the surname of each party, and the names of the journals in which they were published.

DEPARTMENT OF ARMS AND TROPHIES.

Some very desirable acquisitions have been made to this department in the past year.

John B. Sage, Sergeant Union Continentals, donates his musket, belt and cartridge-box, hat and side-arms.

Theodore Bull, of the 10th New York Cavalry, Army of the Potomac, contributes a Confederate belt and pair of spurs, picked up on the battlefield during the year 1864. Both are of curiously primitive workmanship. The narrow canvas belt is marked as a survival of the Lost Cause by its metal clasp, bearing the initials of the dead Confederacy encircled by the tarnished laurel wreath.

William Fleming presents a rifle manufactured at Harper's Ferry in 1804, No. 373, which was carried by his father, Robert Fleming, of the Batavia Volunteers, through the war of 1812, doing service in the battles of Chippewa, Lundy's Lane, Beaver Dam and in the sortie that closed the siege of Fort Erie.

Henry C. Gerhardt sends us a Grape Shot, found on the lake shore, in front of old Fort Erie, Canada, Nov. 8, 1887.

Mrs. Sallie B. Howe has remembered us with a gift of a Ku Klux uniform, which has done service on more than one "raid" during the lawless condition of the South, following the Rebellion. It was captured in North Carolina by Capt. Albion Howe, 4th Reg't U. S. Artillery, and

is a convincing evidence of the veritable existence of the Ku Klux organization, so often doubted in these more peaceful years. This relic was accompanied by a book of affidavits to numerous outrages in the same vicinity.

John Heath presents one bullet and eight military buttons, British and American, found at Fort Erie in 1870.

Henry L. Broughton sends us from Milwaukee, Wis., a brass key from the lock of the door of Fairfax Court House, Va., captured by his brother Joseph, private in a New Jersey Regiment in Heintzelman's Corps, Army of the Potomac, on the 23d day of July, 1861. It has rendered that old nominal seat of Justice accessible and inaccessible, a good many times.

This modest little relic will serve as an index finger in the future, pointing to the Olympiad in which, in the Nation's third severe struggle, were "tried men's souls."

From the Lord Collection, the Austrian Coat of Arms, three spurs, Russian, Austrian and French, an ancient Breast-Plate or piece of Armor, and a Mexican Bayonet.

Sash and Epaulets, worn by Dr. Lord while Chaplain of the Union Continentals.

Knife and Pistol dug up on Dr. Lord's place in 1848, supposed to have been used during the French and Indian war, an old Revolutionary Powder-Flask and a Rebel Cartridge-Bag.

Pair of Leggins, worn by D. A. Taylor, Lieut. Co. E., 12th Alabama, 1862.

A Revolver taken from a Rebel Officer at the first Bull Run Battle.

THE LORD COLLECTION.

The collection of Paintings, Statuary, Maps, Coins, Relics, etc., accumulated by Dr. Lord during his lifetime, has come to us as the generous gift of the heirs.

It is decidedly the largest donation of the kind the Society has ever received, and must cause the donors to be always held in grateful remembrance by this Society.

MEMBERSHIP.

During the year there were elected 11 Life, 18 Resident and 8 Corresponding Members.

The whole number now on our roll is 732, viz.: Honorary, 26, Life, 86, Corresponding, 344, Resident, 276, of which 199 are paying members.

An increase in our membership would be very desirable, and while we have never made a practice of importuning persons to become members, still, we trust some special effort will be made looking to such enlargement of our number, to meet the changes occasioned by death and resignation.

NECROLOGY OF THE YEAR.

During the year 1887, the following named members have died. The record is a long one, and includes honored and illustrious names,

Gen. Wm. B. Hazen, U. S. A.	Merwin S. Hawley,
Nicholas Ottenot,	William Wallace,
Rev. Orlando F. Starkey,	Spencer Fullerton Baird, LL. D.
Hon. Chandler J. Wells,	Eurotas Marvin,
Alonzo Richmond,	Henry Montgomery,
Rev. Edward G. Taylor, D. D.	George Urban,
Hon. John T. Hudson,	William H. Abell,
William Hodge,	Henry A. Homes, L. L. D.,
John F. Moulton,	Dr. L. M. Kenyon,
Ex-Judge James Sheldon,	Thomas Coatsworth,
Peter Emslie,	Ex-Minister E. B. Washburne,

Thomas F. Rochester, M. D.

The death of William Hodge, followed in a few days by that of Ex-Judge Sheldon, *two late Presidents*, was appropriately noticed at a meeting of the Society on June 7, 1887, when resolutions of respect were adopted, and obituary sketches were prepared and published in the city papers.

THE FRANCIS MEMORIALS.

The Board have the pleasure to report that they have concluded an arrangement with the Lincoln Birthday Association, by which the Julius E. Francis collection of invaluable memorials of the war of the Rebellion have been deposited with our Society.

Our Society has received the sum of One Thousand Dollars from the Association in consideration of assuming the charge of the collection.

CONCLUSION.

Shortly after we had taken possession of our new apartments in the beautiful Buffalo Library Building, it was formally opened to the public with inaugural exercises, and a reception lasting from 8.30 to 11.30 o'clock. Several thousand of the best class of Buffalo's citizens availed themselves of the privilege to inspect the arrangements, and wandered, at will, through the rooms furnished and unfurnished, with unalloyed pleasure.

It was an event long to be remembered, the most memorable in the history of this organization.

It also marked an important step in the onward march of our city, in that growth and improvement which has characterized her past history, and of which her future is so full of promise.

The transition period is usually uneventful, and often lost sight of, in appreciation of the results produced. It is so with us. The year's labor of moving and arranging this great collection has been forgotten in the light and joy of our surroundings.

With the Rotunda transformed into an Art Annex of the Society, and our handsome suite of rooms furnished with everything necessary for the suitable setting and display of our possessions, we have nothing but congratulations to offer to the members of the Society, and particularly to those who have been identified with us in this work, and contributed so liberally to the fitting-up of our commodious and pleasant home.

The Society will continue to need, as we trust it will cheerfully receive, the fostering care of the good citizens of Buffalo, and as we begin the new year, may we not hope it will enter upon a career of prosperity and usefuln ess second to none in the State?

A list of all gifts to the collections of the Society is added to this report.

On motion, the report was adopted and ordered placed on file.

Mr. Bryant moved that 1500 copies of the report be printed.

The Hon. E. S. Hawley moved that a committee of seven be appointed by the chair, to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Carried.

The President appointed the following-named gentlemen: Rev. A. T. Chester, D. D., William C. Bryant, Geo. S. Hazard, Thomas B. French, Hon. E. S. Hawley, William K. Allen, Julius H. Dawes.

After a brief consultation the committee made the following nominations:

President—James Tillinghast.

Vice-President—William K. Allen.

Recording Secretary—Martin Clark.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian and Treasurer—George G. Barnum.

Councillors: Emmor Haines, Geo. S. Hazard, Thomas B. French, Gen. John C. Graves, William C. Bryant, Geo. W. Townsend, W. H. H. Newman, Rev. A. T. Chester, D. D., Andrew Langdon, Hon. E. S. Hawley, J. C. Greene, M. D., John Blocher, Wm. Dana Fobes, Isaac Geiershofer, Julius H. Dawes.

Geo. W. Townsend moved that the Secretary cast the ballot for those who did not wish to vote for the persons named for the respective offices. Carried.

The Secretary cast the ballot, and the ticket as reported by the Committee was declared elected.

Mr. William C. Bryant moved that the thanks of the Society be tendered to the retiring President for his efficient services during the past year. Carried.

On retiring from the chair, President Haines read his address, as follows:

Gentlemen of the Buffalo Historical Society, I shall occupy your attention only a few minutes this evening.

The very clear report of your Board of Managers giving in full the doings of the Society during the past year, makes it unnecessary for me to say anything further in that direction.

Quite a number of our active members have lately passed away from among us by death. I will only mention my immediate predecessor, Judge James Sheldon,

who occupied this chair at the last annual meeting. He was always active in our business meetings; we have missed his counsel and efficient labor.

You will learn from the report just read that the acquisitions to our library, photographs and pictures have been less than for several years past. Our principal labor has been in getting ready for future work; in moving to these rooms and in fitting them up in the beautiful manner in which you see them this evening.

I regret that I have not been able to do more to promote the interests of the Society, but this has been made up by the self-sacrificing labors of my associates of the committee of Councilors, prominent among whom, as especially worthy of mention, is our former President, Wm. H. H. Newman, chairman of our committee on fitting up and furnishing the rooms, also George W. Townsend, who has spent weeks in bringing order out of chaos when these rooms were first occupied.

To these two gentlemen, and our faithful and efficient Librarian, George G. Barnum, is principally due the good taste displayed in the furniture of the rooms, in arranging the library and the valuable relics which now adorn these walls.

In placing the destinies of this Society in new and abler hands as you have done this evening, I see much that may be done to advance its interests in this new home. As was said by our former President, although we are exempt here from the payment of rent, the increased expenditures in heating, lighting and caring for these

larger rooms, makes the cost of maintenance even greater than when in our old rooms.

Although the fitting up and furnishing has been done at a heavy expense, as yet our permanent fund has not been diminished by a single dollar. But you will notice by the report of our treasurer that there is an indebtedness of about $1,000, which must be met in the immediate future.

This will call for increased earnestness in procuring life and resident memberships.

I wish to suggest whether our permanent fund, at present safely deposited in our Saving Banks, at four per cent. may not with equal safety, be loaned on bond and mortgage at five per cent. or more.

The suggestion, made by Mr. Newman in his address two years ago, of an annual banquet, has not yet been carried out. I refer it to the present Board and hope it may be acted upon by them.

Having been absent from the city at the last annual meeting, this is the first opportunity I have had of meeting with the membership of the Buffalo Historical Society since you placed me in this honorable position. I heartily thank you for this mark of your confidence, and hope in the future I may be able to do more for this Society than in the past, and that its prosperity may be tenfold greater than it has ever been.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, N. W. Norton was appointed to conduct the newly-elected President to the chair.

In consideration of the lateness of the hour, Mr. Tillinghast contented himself with briefly returning thanks for the honor conferred.

After a vote of thanks had been passed to the officers of the Society for their unwearied attention to the duties devolving upon them during the year, especially to those who have been active in the labor of removing from the old to the new quarters, the meeting adjourned.

CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

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Appleton, D. & Co., New York. 1 Volume.
Andrews, J. B., M. D., Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet.
Altman, Samuel, Buffalo. 1 Newspaper.
American Association for the Advancement of Science, Salem, Mass. 1 Volume.
Adams, Mrs. S. Cary, Buffalo. 1 Badge and 39 Volumes.
American Historical Association, Baltimore, Md. 1 Programme.
Alden, John B., New York. 2 Magazines and 1 Pamphlet.
American Congregational Association, Boston, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Andrews, Israel Ward, LL. D., Marietta, Ohio. 1 Pamphlet.
Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal Association. 1 Volume.
Buffalo Fire Department. 2 Pamphlets.
Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. 1 Volume and 2 Pamphlets.
Benedict, Col. G. G. 1 Pamphlet.
Buffalo Board of Health. 1 Volume and 11 Statements of Mortality.
Bryant, William C., Buffalo. 1 Portrait.
Box, Henry W., Buffalo. 9 Volumes.
Brandel, William H , Buffalo. 2 Photographs.
Brandel, P., Buffalo, Catch to Lock of old Jail.
Bull, Theodore, Buffalo. Confederate Cavalry Belt and pair of Spurs, and 1 Pamphlet.
Bourinot, Hon. John Geo., Ottawa, Ont. 1 Pamphlet.
Brown, Rev. John, D.D., Buffalo. 1 Silhouette Profile.
Buck, R. R , Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Bosher, John H., Buffalo. 2 Lithographs.
Boutelle, Lucius, Buffalo. 1 Picture.
Bell, Hon. Chas. N., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can. 1 Journal, 12 Pamphlets and 2 Papers.
Broughton, Henry L., Milwaukee. 2 War Relics.
Barnum, Geo. G., Buffalo. 1 Photograph and First Prayer in Congress, Dec., 1777.
Bangor Historical Society, Maine. 1 Volume.
Buffalo Board of Police. 1 Pamphlet.
Brentano Bros., New York. 2 Pamphlets.
Buffalo Library. 1 Pamphlet.
Brantford Memorial Association, Ont. 1 Large Photograph.
Bliss, H. L., Buffalo. 1 Photograph.
Buffalo College of Pharmacy. 1 Pamphlet.

Bryant, Mrs. Wm. C., Buffalo. 2 Silk Flags.
Barnum, Geo. G., Jr., Duluth, Minn. 1 Pamphlet.
Bowen, Clarence W., Ph. D., New York. 2 Pamphlets.
Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C. 1 Volume.
Buffalo City Water Works. 1 Pamphlet.
Barnard, Joseph E., Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., Boston, Mass. 8 Pamphlets.
Bigelow, Allen G., Lockport, N. Y. 1 Volume.
Bowles, Samuel, Springfield, Mass. 2 Papers.
Beauchamp, Dr. W. M., Baldwinsville, N. Y. 1 Paper.
Butler, Edward H., Buffalo. 1 Volume.
Beatty, J. C., El Paso, Texas. 1 Paper.
Bigelow, Hon. John, New York. 1 Pamphlet.

Cayuga Co. Historical Society, Auburn, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet.
City Messenger, Boston, Mass. 2 Volumes.
Conover, Hon. Geo. S., Geneva, N. Y. 4 Papers and 1 MSS. Volume.
Cannon, Hon. W. H., Washington, D. C. 1 Volume.
Caldwell, Mrs. Seth, Buffalo. 1 Lithograph.
Cook, Hon. Frederick, Albany, N. Y. 21 Volumes.
Canadian Institute, Toronto. 2 Pamphlets.
Cutter, Rev. Dr. Geo. W., Buffalo. 1 Pamphlet and 1 Volume.
California Historical Society, San Francisco. 1 Volume.
Clarke, Robert & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. 1 Pamphlet.
Chalmers, Patrick, London, Eng. 1 Pamphlet.
Chicago Public Library. 1 Pamphlet.
Chautauqua Co. Society of Natural Science, Jamestown, N. Y. 1 Paper.
Cobden Club, London, Eng. 2 Pamphlets.
Church, Alvah, Buffalo. Specimens of Earthquake Sand.
Cassell & Co., New York. 1 Volume and 3 magazines.
Carrasco, Gabriel, Santa Fe, Argentine Republic. 1 Vol.
Cruikshank, Ernest A., Fort Erie, Ont. 1 Pamphlet.
Cushman, W. R., Buffalo. 3 Relics.
Cook, Edward L., Buffalo. 2 Papers.
Critic Co., New York. 1 Journal.
Choate, Mrs. Mary, Buffalo. 6 Volumes.

Dodge, Cheeseman, Buffalo. 2 Papers.
Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 7 Volumes and 2 Pamphlets.
Dennison, W. E., Yosemite Valley. 2 Pamphlets.
Department of State, Washington, D. C. 3 Volumes and 15 Pamphlets.
Dann, Edward S., Buffalo. MSS. Privateer's Commission.
De Peyster, Brevet Maj.-Gen. John Watts, Tivoli, N. Y. 1 Pamphlet.

Dobbins, Chas. W., Buflalo. 3 Papers.
Duren, Hon. E. F., Bangor, Maine. 1 Volume and Leaflet.
Dacey, Timothy J., Boston, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica, N. Y. 1 Paper, 1 Pamphlet and $10 Note.

Essex Institute, Salem, Mass. 6 Pamphlets.
Evans, Edwin T., Buffalo. 1 Picture.
Emslie, Mrs. Peter, Buffalo. 1 Portrait.

Furniss, F. H., Waterloo, N. Y. 4 Papers and 1 Pamphlet.
French, Mrs. Thomas B., Buffalo. 1 Portrait and Fireman's Hat.
Fitch, E. Henry, Cleveland, Ohio. 1 Journal.
Ferris, Geo., Buffalo. 1 Autograph, 4 Relics.
Farquhar, Hon. John M., Washington, D. C, 7 Volumes.
Friends' Free Library, Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Pamphlet.
Fleming, William, Buffalo. 1 Rifle.
Forum Publishing Company, New York. 2 Journals.
Fobes, Wm. Dana, Buffalo Time Card, Lake Erie Steamboat Line, 1830.
Friends' Book Association, Philadelphia, Pa. 1 Pamphlet.
Farwell, H. D., Buffalo. 2 Relics.
Funk & Wagnalls, New York. Complete file of *The Voice* for 1887.

Guthrie, S. S., Buffalo. 2 Pamphlets.
Gleason, A. W., Toledo, Ohio. 1 Paper.
Griffin, M. I. J., Philadelphia, Pa. Complete file American Catholic Historical Researches for 1887; complete file of the I. C. B. U. Journal for 1887, and 1 Pamphlet.
Greene, J. C., M. D., Buffalo. 1 Portrait.
Griffis, Wm. Elliot, D. D., Boston, Mass. 1 Pamphlet.
Georgia Historical Society, Savannah. 1 Pamphlet.
Grosvenor, S. B., Buffalo. 1 Oil Portrait and 3 Volumes.
Giles, Pearce, Syracuse, N. Y. 2 Pamphlets.
Green, Hon. Samuel A., Boston, Mass. 7 Pamphlets and 1 Leaflet.
Graves, Gen. John C., Buffalo. Seal of Superior Court in 1854.
Graff, Eleanor, Buffalo. 2 Volumes.
Gibbs, Rev. Wm. E., Lawrence, Mass. 1 Volume.
Gossip Publishing Co., Ottawa, Ont. 2 Journals.
Granger, Wm. D., M. D., Buffalo. 2 Pamphlets.
Gray, David, Buffalo. 4 Pamphlets.
Gould, Dr. B. A., Cordoba, S. A. 1 Volume.
Greer, Robert, Sarasota, Fla. 1 Pamphlet.
Gerhardt, Henry C., Buffalo. 1 Grape Shot.
Gilkison, Lieut.-Col. J. F., Brantford, Ont. 1 Pap r.

Hakes, Harry, Wilkesbarre, Pa. 1 Volume.

Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio. 2 Pamphlets.

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Wm. K. Allen,	1889

*Deceased.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

WE, the undersigned, citizens and residents of the City of Buffalo, within the State of New York, of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards, and citizens of the United States, do, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, hereby associate ourselves together, and form a Corporation, or Society, for Historical purposes.

The name or title by which such Society or Corporation shall be known in law, is "THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY." The particular business and object of such Society and its general design is, to discover, procure, and preserve whatever may relate to the History of Western New York, and the City of Buffalo in particular; and likewise aim to gather statistics of the commerce, manufactures, and business of the Lake Region, and those portions of the West that are intimately connected with the interests of Buffalo.

The officers of such Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and a Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, Treasurer, and nine Councillors, who, together, shall constitute the Board of Managers of said Society. The number of Managers of said Society, as aforesaid, shall be fourteen, and their names for the first year of its existence, are as follows:

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*GEORGE W. HOSMER.

*Deceased.

The principal office and place of business of such Society, shall be located at said City of Buffalo, in the County of Erie.

We, the undersigned, members, officers, and managers of such Society, do hereby certify the matters above stated, to the end that we, our associates and successors, may, pursuant to the statute of the State aforesaid, in such case made and provided, be a body politic and corporate, by the name above stated, and in witness whereof, we have severally hereunto subscribed our names, the thirty-first day of December, 1862.

*G. W. CLINTON,
*ASHER P. NICHOLS,
*WM. DORSHEIMER,
*OLIVER G. STEELE,
*HENRY W. ROGERS,

*MILLARD FILLMORE,
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COUNTY OF ERIE, } ss.
CITY OF BUFFALO. }

On the sixth day of January, 1863, personally appeared before me, George W. Clinton, Asher P. Nichols, William Dorsheimer, Millard Fillmore, Lewis F. Allen, Guy H. Salisbury, Oliver G. Steele, William A. Bird, Henry W. Rogers, Geo. R. Babcock, Orsamus H. Marshall, John B. Skinner, and Henry Daw, severally known to me to be the persons described in, and who executed the above instrument, and they severally acknowledged the execution of the same.

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M. P. FILLMORE,
Commissioner of Deeds for the City of Buffalo.

The undersigned, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court for the Eighth Judicial District of the State of New York, hereby consents to, and approves of the filing of the annexed certificate, for the incorporation of the Buffalo Historical Society.

Dated January 8, 1863. R. P. MARVIN.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State, of the State of New York, and in the office of the Clerk of the County of Erie, January 10, 1863.

*Deceased.

ANNUAL MEETING

— OF THE —

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was held at its rooms in the new Buffalo Library Building on the evening of the 8th of January, 1889.

James Tillinghast, the retiring President, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance.

The minutes of last annual meeting were read by the Secretary, and approved.

Mr. Bryant moved that the rules be suspended and that we proceed to ballot for new members, and that the Secretary cast the ballot for such as do not wish to vote on their own behalf. Carried.

The names of General Ely S. Parker, of New York City, for honorary member, and Hon. Samuel R. Welles, of Waterloo, N. Y., for corresponding member, were proposed by William C. Bryant, and elected.

The Secretary read the following Annual Report of the Board of Managers.

To The Buffalo Historical Society:

The Board of Managers have the pleasure of presenting their annual report of the transactions of the Society for the past year.

A year signalized by no important change in our condition, but, still, by no means destitute of historical moment.

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY.

General Fund.

1888.	January 1.	To Balance in Treasury..... $	435.78
	Dec. 31.	To Receipts for the year.....	4,212.28
			$4,648.06
1888.	Dec. 31.	By payments during the year.....	3,575.34
		Balance in General Fund.....	$1,072.72

NOTE.—This Society has no liabilities whatever.

Permanent Fund.

1888.	January 1.	To Balance in Treasury.....	$12,790.44
	April 18.	To Estate of Hon. John T. Hudson,	1,000.00
	Sept. 4.	To Estate Merwin S. Hawley,	10,00.00
			$14,790.44
1888.	Mar. 12.	To payments prior to this date.....	2,000.00
		Balance in Permanent Fund.....	$12,790.44

NOTE.—This balance of the Permanent Fund and future additions, are protected by an Act of our Legislature, passed May 15, 1888; the interest *only* can be used for general expenses. For full text of this Act, see Appendix A.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS.

We have had *sixty* volumes of the *Congressional Record* which had accumulated, bound and placed in the Library.

The gifts during the year just closed, have been 388 volumes, making the total number of bound volumes in the Library 10,033.

This increase has been of works especially suited to our Library, and comprise many rare volumes, such as Government Publications, of which many sets have been completed; Historical Addresses and Memorials; State, County and Town Histories, Collections of the Historical Societies of the country; Family Genealogies, etc.

A full list of the generous donors of bound volumes will be found appended to this report; but this gives no idea of the value and choiceness of many of the gifts. We might especially mention the names of some of our friends who have made valuable contributions:

General William B. Rochester, Washington; Hon. J. M. Farquhar, Washington; Commodore W. S. Schley, Washington; Prof. Eben Norton Horsford, Cambridge; Hon. Charles N. Bell, Winnipeg; Charles E. Smith, Philadelphia; William H. Egle, M. D., Harrisburg; Joseph Foster, London; Hon. Samuel A. Green, M. D., Boston.

Of our own State and city: James Tillinghast, W. H. H. Newman, Judge R. C. Titus, Hon. Daniel H. McMillan, Hon. Jonathan Scoville, Hon. Frederick Cook, Rev. A. T. Chester, D. D., Maj.-Gen. John Watts DePeyster, Maurice Kingsley, George Ferris, Julius H. Dawes, Henry Martin, S. M. Welch.

Pamphlets.

The past year has witnessed a flattering increase in

our pamphlet collection; 304 were received by gift and exchange, many of them valuable documents of local or historical interest.

In those which are apparently least instructive, and might by some be termed trash, are contained the materials of history, and may be the treasures of the next generation.

The collection has now increased to 8036; of this number 923 have been classified, bound up in 46 volumes and catalogued; the balance are arranged in cases, carefully numbered and indexed, but later on will receive bindings.

In addition to the above, a large number of literary periodicals have been contributed. A complete list of the donors will be found in the appendix.

A thorough examination and re-arrangement of all the historical material in the possession of the Society has just been completed.

Newspaper Department.

The following newspapers have been received regularly during the past year, and all donated by the publishers, except the *Courier*, which was acquired by purchase: The Buffalo *Express*, the Buffalo *Courier*, the *Daily Times*, the *Demokrat*, the *Commercial-Advertiser*, the Buffalo *Daily News*, the *Sunday Truth*, the *Gazette and Courier*, the *Voice*, the *I. C. B. U. Journal*, the *International Gazette*, the *Martha's Vineyard Herald*, the *American*, the *Open Court Journal*, the *Lancaster Times*, and the *Globe*.

This generous action on the part of the publishers

is rapidly placing our Society in possession of a very complete and valuable collection of our city papers. The bound files added are the *Daily Buffalonian*, 1838–'9, one volume, gift of Hon. Arthur W. Hickman.

The *International Gazette* for 1886–'87, one volume, gift of A. E. Tovey & Co.

The *American Flag*, 1865, one volume, containing a full account of the black assassination of Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, and trial of the assassins, with portraits; gift of John L. Love, San Francisco, California.

The Buffalo *Express*, from July, 1887, to July, 1888, two volumes, gift of the late James N. Matthews.

The Buffalo *Journal*, 1832–'33 and '34, one volume, gift of Mrs. John Betts, Dansville, N. Y.

The Black Rock *Gazette*, 1824–'25, '26 and '27, one volume, and the Black Rock *Beacon*, 1823 and '24, one volume, gift of Miss Jane D. Clinton.

The Buffalo *Express Souvenir*, containing the history of Buffalo and the International Fair, Sept. 4, 1888, one volume, gift of James Tillinghast.

The *Daily Buffalonian*, 1838, one volume, gift of S. M. Welch.

In addition to the above, we have placed in this department 22 volumes of newspapers from our files which we have had bound, and 61 volumes of the Nile's *National Register*, containing a most valuable current history of the times from its commencement in 1811, to its termination in 1849, making the entire number in the

collection 806 volumes. The number of unbound volumes is 40.

In no preceding year has this department of our library been so largely resorted to for purposes of historical enquiries, and the benefits derived better appreciated.

Newspaper Cuttings

of historical, biographical and antiquarian articles, form one of the most valuable features of our work, and during the year a large number have been contributed, catalogued, and added to our collection.

THE MUSEUM AND CABINETS.

A very large number of historical curiosities and relics have been received, a few of which we notice:

G. Stanley Harte contributes a seal from the ruins of Nineveh, supposed to have belonged on one of the Royal Tombs.

V. M. Porter, of Niagara Falls, a case of drawing instruments, used by Judge Augustus Porter to plot the original surveys of Western New York.

Miss Charlotte Mulligan, a large piece of Sandwich Island cloth, made from the bark of trees, brought by Mrs. Bingham, one of the first missionaries to those islands, in 1819.

Fowler Bradnack, M. D., twelve varieties of Confederate scrip and currency, picked up by the donor in the South during the Rebellion.

E. D. Dart, complete set of United States fractional

currency, comprising samples of all the varieties and denominations issued. Faces and backs printed separately.

Mrs. A. E. Agan, of Syracuse, N. Y., a one-dollar bill on the Commercial Bank of Buffalo, dated 1838.

George W. Fries, Friendship, N. Y., a two-dollar bill on the Greene County Bank, Catskill, dated 1822.

Heirs of Dr. Lord, two knives, used as saws by our soldiers in Libby Prison, Va., in their attempts to escape.

Mrs. Mary Coke, a carved wooden spoon, made by the natives of India; a pair of anklets and three bracelets, worn by the Zulu prisoners, captured by the English in the first Zulu War, 1878.

Judge Theodore G. Hulett, of Niagara Falls, an ancient clock, 200 years old, a very curious relic.

Edwin F. Bauer, a pistol found by the donor in the ruins of the Richmond Hotel fire.

W. H. H. Newman, photograph of death warrant of Bridget Bishop, tried and condemned to be hung for witchcraft, and sheriff's certificate of the execution of the sentence, at Salem, Mass., June 10, 1692.

Wm. Dana Fobes, a document of the Society of Friends, at Plainfield, N. J., expelling Job Ayrs, June 19, 1805, for profane swearing and training with the militia.

S. M. Welch, a five-dollar bill on the Agricultural Bank of Toronto, largely used as currency in this vicinity in 1836, and a two-dollar imitation bank bill issued

as money by Benjamin Rathbun, in 1835; both are of local historical interest.

S. S. Guthrie, enlistment roll of a recruit furnished the Government by the donor to serve in the military service during the late Civil War, 1864.

Wm. C. Mayhew, a cane from the Flag Ship Lawrence, presented to his father, Jonathan Mayhew, by Commodore Green, in 1861.

A full list of donations, too numerous to mention in this connection, will be found in the appendix.

PORTRAIT GALLERY.

A number of very desirable and valuable portraits has been received.

The Hon. Lewis F. Allen, First Vice-President of this Society, Judge R. C. Titus, John Blocher, and Darwin E. Morgan, donate their photographs, life-size, finely executed and handsomely framed.

Vincent M. Porter, of Niagara Falls, sends a photograph of his father, Albert Howell Porter, also of his grandfather, Augustus Porter, first judge, of the old county of Niagara.

The Hon. Jonathan Scoville presents a fine crayon portrait of himself, life-size.

Samuel D. Flagg, Jr., of St. Paul, Minn., sends a photograph of his father, a late member of this Society.

James D. Warren's sons contribute a photograph, life-size, of their father, late proprietor of the *Commercial-Advertiser.*

George A. Moore adds a photograph of himself, also a group photograph of his family, representing three generations.

David Tucker is the donor of a group photograph representing seven of the old charter members of Neptune Hose Company, No. 5.

William C. Mayhew gives us the photograph of Gen. I. C. Woodruff, Engineer U. S. Army.

The portraits on steel are of Albert Ziegele, gift of William C. Bryant.

Albert P. Laning, gift of Hon. Daniel H. McMillan.

Lieut.-Gen. Winfield Scott, gift of Andrew Langdon.

Our portfolios have been enriched by the following contributions:

Photographs of Apollo Belvidere in the Vatican at Rome.

Howard University, Washington; Paris Hotel de Ville, before and after its destruction; and Evangelical Alliance grouped on the steps of the National Capitol, Washington; gifts of Andrew Langdon.

A fine picture of Fort Porter, taken when it was partially destroyed, Nov. 17, 1888, gift of George A. Dressel, photographer.

Gifts to the Albums, of historical interest, have been received from Gen. Charles W. Darling, Utica, N. Y.; Rev. A. H. Plumb, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Mary J. Pierce

Versailles, N. Y.; A. B. Weymouth, M. D., Los Angeles, Cal.; Andrew Langdon, and Mrs. William C. Smith.

The Portrait Collection which adorns the walls of these spacious rooms, is a pictorial history of Buffalo, as it embraces not only the business and professional men of to-day, but a generation of pioneers and early public men who have passed away, the founders and builders of Buffalo.

Our efforts during the year to secure some additions to our portraits in oil, have not been so well rewarded as we could wish.

With good apartments for the display of portraits we solicit from our patrons and members contributions to our gallery.

INDIAN MEMORIALS.

Among the gifts to the collection of portraits, relics, and antiquities of our aboriginal predecessors in the past year, may be mentioned:

Three stone axes and one tomahawk, from Marsden Davey, found by the donor at Forest Lawn and Fairpoint, Chautauqua Lake. Also one stone axe and iron tomahawk plowed up at Fort Schlosser, from V. M. Porter, Niagara Falls.

A snow-shoe, from Merritt Nichols.

A piece of the great council tree of the Senecas at Canadesaga, N. Y., from M. B. Turpin, Rochester.

A chair, made by the Chippewa Indians at St. Thomas, Canada, from James Tillinghast; and one made by

the Senecas at the late International Fair, from John Blocher.

Photo-portraits, neatly framed, life-size, of Red Jacket, "Sa-Go-Ye-Wa-Tha," from George A. Dressel, photographer.

Mary Jemison, "Deh-He-Wa-Mis," the white woman of the Genesee, from the Hon. Donald McNaughton, Rochester, N. Y.

Philip E. Thomas, "Sa-Go-Non," founder of the Indian Orphan Asylum, Cattaraugus Reservation, and group photo, representing six Seneca Chiefs in the adoption and naming ceremonies of Mr. Thomas, in 1843, from Mrs. Martha H. Ferris, of the Society of Friends, who was present on the occasion.

A large group photo containing portraits of seven Indian celebrities of our own State, chiefs of the Cayuga Nation of Iroquois, gift of Hezekiah McMichael, photographer.

A medallion in plaster of Captain Joseph Brant, "Thayendanegea," cast by the donor, Mr. Percy Wood.

The war bonnet of "American Horse," one of Sitting Bull's chiefs killed in Sitting Bull's last battle, from Mrs. George Truscott.

MISCELLANEOUS PICTURES AND DOCUMENTS FRAMED.

Among the gifts classified as miscellaneous are the Soldier's Memorial, a colored lithograph, 27th Buffalo Light Battery, N. Y. Artillery, gift of Capt. Chas. A. Clark.

First lieutenant's commission in Company A. of the 1st Regiment, recruited in San Francisco, Cal., issued by Wm. Walker, President of Republic of Nicaragua, Sept. 1st, 1865, to donor, R. P. Gardner, late Capt. Co. A., 21st Regiment, N. Y. S. Volunteers.

A handsome engraving, entitled Origin of the Stars and Stripes, gift of M. H. Marvin, New York City.

A fine lithograph of Duluth, Minnesota, in 1887, gift of Geo. G. Barnum.

Photographs of the Sharp Shooter's Memorial, at Ottawa, Canada, designed and executed by donor, Mr. Percy Wood, and also of the unveiling ceremonies in November last.

Photographs of the old Bennett Mansion, front and rear, with surroundings; taken just before its destruction; gift of Charles B. Germain.

AUTOGRAPHS.

We have been fortunate the past year in securing many autographs to our collection from generous friends of the Society.

William Hamlin donates autograph letters of Salmon P. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury, April 8th, 1861; and Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, April 9th, 1861, relative to the appointment of Christian Metz, Collector at Buffalo.

Josiah Cook presents autograph letter of General Lafayette, dated, Paris, June 6th, 1833, introducing Dr. John Wayland, who was for many years a prominent physician of this city.

Geo. A. Pike, of Baton Rouge, La., sends us autographs of Andrew Jackson, President of the United States; Edward Livingston, Secretary of State, and Samuel Swartwout, collector of the port of New York, to a parchment passport of the brig Eliza Davidson, of New York, March 30th, 1832. It is curious and valuable for its quaint seal and signatures.

The Hon. Elias S. Hawley contributes the Register of Members of the General Assembly, New School Presbyterians, at the meeting in Buffalo, 1853, in a bound volume.

John A. McAllister, of Philadelphia, Pa., sends us an autograph letter of Nicholas Biddle, President of the United States Bank, May 27th, 1830.

Wm. Dana Fobes adds 48 autographs of the Bar of Erie County, to a temperance pledge, Jan. 21st, 1844.

James Tillinghast, and others, presents 469 autographs of the lawyers of this city, to agreements to close their offices during certain of the summer months, from 1882 to 1887, for one-half of each of the Saturdays occurring therein. This movement for a half-holiday was the first instituted in this city.

Andrew Langdon donates the autograph of Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, 1868; and E. D. Dart that of F. E. Spinner, Treasurer of the United States, April 11th, 1867.

Margaret N. S. Lantry, of Manlius, N. Y., sends us autographs of 8 deceased citizens of Buffalo and Black Rock, prominent in their day, to a letter, Oct. 14th,

1825, regarding a celebration on the completion of the Erie Canal.

S. M. Welch contributes 72 autographs of our most prominent and distinguished citizens, (many of whom are dead,) to a Muster Roll of the Independent Military Company, styled the "Buffalo National Guard," organized May 13th, 1861, together with a brief summary of the personel and status of the signers.

BUSTS.

Three important additions have made to this collection since the last report.

The bust of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, modelled by A. Vanden Berghen, sculptor, of New York City, gift to the Society of our President, James Tillinghast.

One of Cicero, with a handsome bracket, from the heirs of Dr. Lord.

We are also indebted to Mr. Percy Wood, sculptor, of London, for that of Sir Richard Owen, K. C. B., etc., Professor of Anatomy and Palæontology, London University, executed by donor.

The whole number that now adorn our Museum and Library are one of marble and 23 in plaster.

MAPS AND CHARTS.

Thirty miscellaneous maps have been contributed. While all are very acceptable and add value to our collections, two merit special notice.

The Historical map of Pennsylvania, showing the Indian names of streams, and villages, and paths of travel.

The sites of old Forts and Battlefields; the successive purchases from the Indians, with tables of historical events and of proprietary manors.

The other is a fac-simile of Hubbard's Map of New England, which is full of interest, as being the first one ever engraved in this country by John Foster, the first printer of Boston, in 1676.

The donors to this collection are: Chas. E. Smith, Philadelphia; Hon. Samuel A. Green, M. D., Boston; Department of State, Washington; Judge R. C. Titus; S. S. Guthrie; Miss Mary M. Hawley; Hon. Jonathan Scoville, and Geo. Whitcomb.

VISITORS.

The interest manifested in the Society has continued to increase during the past year.

Many came for consultation and research, but multitudes out of curiosity.

In many ways it has been demonstrated that the collections of the Society, in Historical and Archæological relics, curiosities and mementos, have done much to create and develop historical tastes in the visitors, and quicken the interest, especially of young persons, in historical subjects.

HISTORICAL CLUB MEETINGS.

Two meetings of the Club, connected with this

Society, were held at its rooms last winter, at which papers of interest were read.

The first by Ernst Besser, on "The Buffalo Saengerbund," giving a complete history of the Society since its organization in 1853.

Our second evening was occupied by F. W. Bartlett, M. D., on "The Past, Present and Future of a Forgotten Town." This short course of historical papers, and remarks that followed, were very highly enjoyed.

The Club Meetings, so full of promise and so potent for good, were begun as a permanent arrangement in January, 1863, and with few exceptions, have been maintained during the winter months ever since, with marked interest and favor on the part of those who have attended them, and with great advantage to the Society.

We have the pleasure to announce that arrangements have been made for several lectures, to be delivered on alternate Monday evenings through January, February and March, of which due notice will be given.

DEPARTMENT OF ARMS AND TROPHIES.

One grape shot, three musket balls, and five explosive bullets, found by donor on the battle ground of Missionary Ridge, while laying out the grounds of Bragg Hill, Chattanooga, Tenn., from William Webster.

Flag, captured in the battle of Mobile Bay, Aug. 5th, 1864, by the United States steamer, "Metacomet,"

Captain James E. Jowett, (now rear Admiral,) commanding from the Confederate States Steamer, "Selma," presented to the late Captain E. P. Dorr, by Admiral Jowett, and now donated to this Society by Eben P. Dorr, Jr.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Society has almost entirely changed from that, which in its infancy, built it up and gave it prominence.

Of the list of worthy and well-known men who signed the constitution and by-laws at its organization, and subsequently, at the incorporation, under the laws of the State of New York, only one, the Hon. Lewis F. Allen, remains.

The number of members added to the Society during the past year has been one honorary, 19 resident and 5 corresponding.

The entire membership at the present time is 702, viz.: 85 life, 334 corresponding, 26 honorary, 58 resident, and 199 annual.

We hope to see our membership roll increased by continual accessions, and diminished by no withdrawals.

NECROLOGY.

Death has again thrown its dark shadow across our path, and removed from the roll of the members of this Society, during the past year, the following distinguished, honored and beloved names:

William Laverack,
Albert Augustus Porter,
Ex-Gov. Wm. Dorsheimer,
Prof. Asa Gray, LL.D.,
Hon. C. C. Severance,
Rev. Joseph M. Sorg,
Hon. Erastus S. Prosser,
Albert Howell Porter,
David Gray,
Rev. Israel W. Andrews, LL.D.
Edwin Gilbert,
James McCredie,
Hon. Henry C. Van Schaack,
Richard J. Sherman.

MARINE COLLECTION.

To the department of Lake Marine have been added pictures of three early boats, framed.

The steamer "Indiana," painted by Charles Smith.

Lithographs of the Steam Packet Ship, "Great Western," the first double-decker on the Lakes, and the "May Flower," gift of Chilion M. Farrar.

NUMISMATICS.

The accessions to the Society's Numismatic Cabinets for the past year have been 4 medals, 29 silver and 35 copper coins.

An inventory of the coins and medals shows that there are 315 separate pieces in the cabinet, consisting of coins, in gold, 2; in silver, 92; in copper and other metals, 188.

Medals in silver, 6; in bronze and other metals, 27. Also 48 American tokens, store cards and politicals.

A full list of the donors to this collection accompanies this report.

EXCHANGES.

Our relations with Sister Societies and Public Libraries, in this and other States, continue to be of the most friendly character.

During the past year our exchange list has been largely increased, and now embraces almost every Historical Society in the country; and we are made the recipients of much more than we have it in our power to give in return. Many of these Societies

have sent as full sets of their publications, for which they have our grateful acknowledgements.

The system inaugurated by the Department of the Interior, for the exchange of Public Documents with Historical Societies and Public Libraries, has been carried on with great advantage to us. 45 volumes of duplicates have been sent to Washington. In return, the Department have generously supplied us with 58 volumes of Government Reports, to complete valuable sets in our Library, and will supply other deficiencies as exchanges progress with other Libraries.

This effort of the Government, to complete sets of important series of documents, has met with special favor, and promises, if continued, to be of great service to all such as assist in the work.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS.

This Society was honored with invitations to be represented on several public occasions of historical interest in other States. Among these may be mentioned the formal celebration at Marietta, Ohio, on the 7th of April last, of the one-hundredth anniversary of the Settlement of the North-west Territory. As great historic interest centered in the event to be commemorated, your Board, at a meeting held April 3d, accepted the invitation, and appointed the Rev. Dr. A. T. Chester, Geo. S. Hazard, and S. S. Guthrie, delegates to represent the Society.

Another occasion was the celebration of the New Hampshire Historical Society, in Concord, 21st June last,

in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the Constitution of the United States, by the State of New Hampshire, in which the Society was invited to participate. The invitation was accepted, and our President, James Tillinghast, the Hon. E. S. Hawley, and Geo. S. Hazard, were chosen delegates from this Society to attend the celebration. And still more recently to participate in the Centennial Celebration and Exposition of the Ohio Valley and Central States, held at Cincinnati, from July 4th to October 27th. Our Secretary was directed to acknowledge the courtesy extended to this Society, but no representatives were sent or articles for the Exposition.

PUBLIC OPENINGS.

The official, formal, public opening and reception, at the Historical Society's rooms, took place on the 13th day of March last, from 7 to 11 o'clock, P. M.

The many invitations issued brought out a goodly company of very agreeable people.

The precious treasures of the Society were fully exhibited, and the occasion was one of unusual enjoyment and gratification.

In this connection, it may be proper to add, that under the auspices of the four organizations in the Library building, an informal reception was given to the members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, 2nd of October last, from 8 to 11 o'clock, P. M.

The entire building was illuminated, and the dis-

tinguished guests inspected the Society's commodious apartments, and rare historical collections, with much satisfaction.

BEQUESTS.

Your Board have the pleasure to report the payment of two bequests, made to this Society last year, by the Hon. John T. Hudson and Merwin S. Hawley, of one thousand dollars each.

The Tracy bequest of ten thousand dollars has not been realized, owing to the legal contest affecting the validity of the will of the liberal testator, which has been pending in the Court of Appeals. We are assured, however, by both parties to the contest, that the wishes of Mr. Tracy shall be respected.

The balance of the Reilley bequest, estimated at between $500 and $1,000, will, doubtless, be available within the next thirty days.

THE LORD LIBRARY.

During the past year this famous library has been catalogued and made accessible to our citizens, with every facility for consultation and research.

Many have availed themselves of the high privilege so freely offered to all, and derived great advantage from their investigations.

A large number of the rare books, richly illustrated, have been opened and spread out, which, in connection with the antiquities and relics of the Lord Collection, have been highly enjoyed by the general public.

The wants of our citizens of all nationalties are now provided for as far as it may be in our power to do so.

CONCLUSION.

The beginning of the last fiscal year found the Society in the enjoyment of its new permanent and pleasant home, surrounded by the results of the past twenty-five years, complete in its furnishings, with everything necessary for the suitable setting and display of its possessions, and recognized at home and abroad as one of the most worthy and dignified of the institutions of this great and prosperous city.

In these very encouraging circumstances, and with prospects specially inviting, the Society entered upon the 26th year of its existence.

The year has now passed, and to what extent our expectations have been realized has been laid before you in the report of your Board.

In many respects the past year has been a surprise to us in the measure of success that has attended the Society in the useful and disinterested work in which it is engaged; a work that will always interest the thoughtful and intelligent till the end of time, and merits our whole energy and most faithful efforts.

Ever keeping before us the high mission of the Society, let us devote our best exertions to carry out the enlightened plans of the honored founders: to sustain the fame, and extend and enlarge the usefulness of this Historical Association.

This report was unanimously accepted and adopted; and upon motion, 1500 copies were ordered printed. Amended by Mr. Hawley and made 1800.

Mr. Wm. C. Bryant moved that a committee of seven, of which Gen. John C. Graves shall be chairman, be appointed by the chair, to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The President appointed the following named gentlemen as such committee: Gen. John C. Graves, Wm. C. Bryant, Geo. W. Townsend, Wm. Dana Fobes, W. H. H. Newman, John Blocher, and Emmor Haines.

The committee reported the following nominations:

President—William K. Allen.
Vice-President—Isaac Giershofer.
Recording Secretary—Martin Clark.
Corresponding Secretary, Librarian and Treasurer—Geo. G. Barnum.

Councillors: James Tillinghast, Leon F. Harvey, M. D., Emmor Haines, Rev. P. Cronin, Wm. C. Bryant, W. H. H. Newman, Andrew Langdon, Geo. S. Hazard, Wm. Dana Fobes, Geo. W. Townsend, Rev. A. T. Chester, D. D., Hon. E. S. Hawley, John Blocher, Julius H. Dawes, Gen. John C. Graves.

Moved that the report be received and adopted, and that the Secretary cast the ballot for all those who do not desire to vote themselves for the officers whose names have been presented.

The Secretary cast the ballot, and the gentlemen named were declared elected.

The retiring President offered the following remarks:

Gentlemen of the Buffalo Historical Society:—I am glad to say, that in my opinion, our Society is in a growing and sound condition, and that it is daily gaining strength in the opinion and favor of the public.

With the present law and rule of the Society, protecting our permanent fund and money donations, we hope for many additions to the fund in the future.

I am glad to see, by the annual report, that the gifts or donations to be held as historical matter are gaining so rapidly, which is good evidence that the Society's care of them is and will be appreciated for all time to come.

To our efficient Librarian, Mr. Geo. G. Barnum, is very largely due the gathering of them up; and for his services and good care of the property we are deeply indebted to him.

I am very thankful to you, gentlemen, for the honor of being President of your Society for the past year, and wish you all and the Society success in the future, and will most cheerfully afford any aid and as-

sistance I can give the Society and its officers for the new year, and the future years of my life.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, the thanks of the Society were tendered to the retiring President for the able manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Society, and the great interest he has at all times taken in its affairs.

Gen. John C. Graves was appointed to conduct the President-elect to the chair.

Upon assuming the chair, Mr. Allen thanked the Society for the honor conferred upon him, and promised to do his best to add to the prosperity and welfare of the organization.

The Hon. E. S. Hawley moved that a committee of five, from the Society, be appointed by the chair to confer and report as to the advisability of calling a convention of the Historical Societies of the country, to be held in Buffalo during the coming year. Carried.

The meeting was then adjourned.

CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Austin, J. O., Providence, R. I.: 1 leaflet.
Andrews, J. B., A. M., M. D., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
Appleton, D. & Co., New York: 1 pamphlet.
Agan, Mrs. A. E., Syracuse, N. Y.: One dollar bill.
Allen, Hon. Lewis F., Buffalo: 1 portrait.
American Congregational Association, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
American Numismatic and Archæological Society, New York: 1 pamphlet.
Buffalo Park Commissioners: 1 pamphlet.
Buffalo Board of Health: Statement of Mortality for 1888.
Buffalo Library: 1 volume.
Barnum, George G., Buffalo: 1 picture and frame, 4 African copper coins and 7 pamphlets.
Bell, Hon. Charles N., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.: 2 pamphlets.
Bauer, Edwin F., Buffalo: A pistol found in the ruins of the Richmond fire.
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
Buffalo Board of Police: 1 pamphlet.
Bradnack, Fowler, M. D., Buffalo: 12 pieces Confederate scrip.
Barnum, Geo. G., Jr., Duluth, Minn.: 1 pamphlet.
Buffalo City Water Works: 1 pamphlet.
Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.: 1 volume.
Bryant, Wm. C., Buffalo: 1 Moorish silver coin, and 1 portrait.
Boston City Hospital, Mass.: 1 volume and 15 pamphlets.
Barnard, Joseph E., Buffalo: 1 volume.
Bull, Rev. George A., M. A., Niagara Falls, So. Can.: 3 volumes.
Barnum, Clara, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.: 1 paper.
Boechat, M. F., Buffalo: 2 volumes.
Blocher, John, Buffalo: 1 chair and 1 portrait.
Benjamin, Walter R., New York: 2 magazines.
Becker, Hon. Philip, Buffalo: 5 pamphlets.
Butler, E. H., Buffalo: 2 vols. complete file of the *Evening News* for 1888.
Converse, Hariett Maxwell, New York: 4 papers.
Cook, Hon. Frederick, Albany: 38 volumes.
Conover, Hon. Geo. S., Geneva, N. Y.: 2 pamphlets and 4 papers.
Cornwell, W. C., Buffalo: 2 pamphlets.

California Historical Society, San Francisco: 1 volume.
Clark, Capt. Charles A., Memorial of Buffalo Light Battery, 27th N. Y. Artillery, framed.
Cleghorn, Hon. Allen, Brantford, Ont.: 1 paper.
Chautauqua Society of History and Natural Science, Jamestown, N. Y.: 1 paper.
City Messenger, Boston, Mass.: 2 volumes.
Clinton, Miss Jane D., Buffalo: 2 vols. old newspapers bound.
Cook, Josiah, Buffalo: 1 autograph letter.
Coke, Mrs. Mary, Buffalo: Relics from Africa and India, and 2 English coins.
Cooley, Hon. Thomas M., Washington, D. C.: 1 volume.
Canadian Institute, Toronto: 2 pamphlets and 1 volume.
Chicago Historical Society, 2 leaflets.
Chicago Public Library: 2 pamphlets.
Commissioners State Reservation, Niagara Falls, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.
Collet, O. W., St. Louis, Mo.: 1 pamphlet.
Craig, Isaac, Allegheny City, Pa.: 1 paper.
Chester, Rev. A. T., D. D., Buffalo: 5 volumes and 18 journals.
Critic Co., New York: *The Critic*, a monthly.

Dean, L., Washington, D. C.: 1 pamphlet.
Davey, Marsden, Buffalo: 4 stone Indian axes.
Department of State, Washington, D. C.: 3 volumes, 12 pamphlets and 8 maps.
Department of the Interior, Washington D. C.: 5 volumes and 1 pamphlet.
Delaney, Wm. E., Buffalo: 2 volumes.
Dodd, B. L., Orange, N. J.: 1 volume.
Durrett, R. T., Louisville, Ky.: 3 volumes and 3 magazines.
Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica, N. Y.: 5 pamphlets, 1 paper and miniature portrait.
Dawes, Julius H., Buffalo: 1 volume and 2 pamphlets.
Dressel, Geo. A., Buffalo: Photos of Red Jacket and Fort l'orter.
Dauphin County Historical Society, Harrisburgh, Pa.: 1 pamphlet.
Denison University, Granville, Ohio: 1 pamphlet.
Dart, E. D., Buffalo: Full set of U. S. Fractional Currency.
Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences: 1 paper.
Day, Hon. David F., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
Duren, Hon. E. F., Bangor, Maine: 1 volume.
Dorr, Eben P., Jr., Buffalo: Rebel flag.
De Peyster, Maj.-Gen. John Watts, Tivoli, N. Y.: 1 volume.

Egle, William H., M. D., Harrisburgh, Pa. 1 volume.
Essex Institute, Salem Mass.: 4 pamphlets.
Editors *Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal*: 2 volumes.

Farquhar, Hon. J. M., Washington, D. C.: 3 volumes.
Fobes, Wm. Dana, Buffalo: Autographs and documents.
Fredericks & Blaney, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
Foster, Joseph, London, England: 1 volume.
Furniss, Maj. F. H., Waterloo, N. Y.: 3 papers.
Farrar, Chilion M., Buffalo: 3 pictures of pioneer boats.
Fries, Geo. W., Friendship, N. Y.: A $2 bill, 1822.
Friends' Book Association, Philadelphia Pa.: 1 pamphlet.
Ferris, Geo., Buffalo: 1 volume and 1 manuscript poem.
Flagg, S. D., Jr., St. Paul, Minn.: 1 portrait.
Frick, E. S., Buffalo: 1 silver 3c. coin, 1832.
Ferris, Mrs. Martha H., Buffalo: 2 portraits.
Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.: 2 volumes unbound.
Funk & Wagnalls, New York: Complete file of *The Voice*.
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APPENDIX "A."

CHAPTER 297.

AN ACT to authorize and direct the Buffalo Historical Society to set apart certain funds as a Permanent Trust Fund, and to restrict the use and investment thereof.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 1888. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION I. The Board of Managers of the Buffalo Historical Society is hereby authorized to, and shall set apart as a Trust Fund, all of the moneys and the proceeds of any real property heretofore bequeathed to it. The said money and property being now held and known as the Permanent Fund of said Society; and all moneys and the proceeds of any property hereafter given, granted or bequeathed to it, excepting money or real property specifically granted or bequeathed to it, for the use and occupation, or the purposes of said Society, and excepting articles of personal property held, given, granted or bequeathed for preservation and exhibition among its archives and historical mementoes, shall be added to said Trust Fund and be made and become a part thereof. Such fund shall be designated as the "Permanent Trust Fund."

SEC. II. The principal of such Trust Fund and all additions thereafter made thereto, shall not be used by said Society or any of its officers for any purpose; but the income thereof, or so much as may be necessary, may be devoted to and used for the purposes of said Society.

SEC. III. The said Trust Fund shall be invested in the following interest bearing securities: Bonds of the United States of America; bonds of the State of New York; bonds of the City of Buffalo; bonds of the County of Erie; and bonds of individuals, secured by first mortgages upon real estate, situate in the State of New York, worth at least double the amount secured to be paid by the bond accompanying the mortgage.

SEC. IV. Any manager or other officer of said Society who shall vote for or consent to the misapplication of said Trust Fund, or any part thereof, or any part of the income thereof, or to the investment of any part thereof, except as hereinbefore provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. V. This Act shall take effect immediately.

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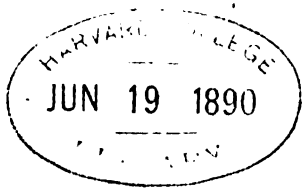

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Certificate of Incorporation.

WE, the undersigned, citizens and residents of the City of Buffalo, within the State of New York, of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards, and citizens of the United States, do, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, hereby associate ourselves together, and form a Corporation, or Society, for Historical purposes.

The name or title by which such Society or Corporation shall be known in law, is "THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY." The particular business and object of such Society and its general design is, to discover, procure, and preserve whatever may relate to the History of Western New York, and the City of Buffalo in particular; and likewise aim to gather statistics of the commerce, manufactures, and business of the Lake Region, and those portions of the West that are intimately connected with the interests of Buffalo.

The officers of such Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and a Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, Treasurer, and nine Councillors, who, together, shall constitute the Board of Managers of said Society. The number of Managers of said Society, as aforesaid, shall be fourteen, and their names for the first year of its existence, are as follows:

*MILLARD FILLMORE, *President*,
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*CHARLES D. NORTON, *Recording Secretary*.
*GUY H. SALISBURY, *Cor. Sec'y and Librarian*.
*OLIVER G. STEELE, *Treasurer*.

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*WALTER CLARKE, *GEORGE W. CLINTON,
*GEORGE W. HOSMER.

*Deceased.

The principal office and place of business of such Society, shall be located at said City of Buffalo, in the County of Erie.

We, the undersigned, members, officers, and managers of such Society, do hereby certify the matters above stated, to the end that we, our associates and successors, may, pursuant to the statute of the State aforesaid, in such case made and provided, be a body politic and corporate, by the name above stated, and in witness whereof, we have severally hereunto subscribed our names, the thirty-first day of December, 1862.

*G. W. CLINTON,
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*HENRY W. ROGERS,
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COUNTY OF ERIE, CITY OF BUFFALO. } ss.

On the sixth day of January, 1863, personally appeared before me, George W. Clinton, Asher P. Nichols, William Dorsheimer, Millard Fillmore, Lewis F. Allen, Guy H. Salisbury, Oliver G. Steele, William A. Bird, Henry W. Rogers, Geo. R. Babcock, Orsamus H. Marshall, John B. Skinner, and Henry Daw, severally known to me to be the persons described in, and who executed the above instrument, and they severally acknowledged the execution of the same.

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*M. P. FILLMORE,
Commissioner of Deeds for the City of Buffalo.

The undersigned, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court for the Eighth Judicial District of the State of New York, hereby consents to, and approves of the filing of the annexed certificate, for the incorporation of the Buffalo Historical Society.

Dated January 8, 1863. R. P. MARVIN.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State, of the State of New York, and in the office of the Clerk of the County of Erie, January 10, 1863.

*Deceased.

CONSTITUTION.

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2. The general object of the Society shall be, to discover, procure and preserve whatever may relate to the history of Western New York in general, and the City of Buffalo in particular, and to gather statistics of the commerce, manufactures and business of the lake region, and those portions of the West that are intimately connected with the business of Buffalo.

3. The Society shall consist of resident, corresponding and honorary members, who shall be elected by a majority of ballots *of the Board of Managers at any meeting thereof;** and of life members, as hereinafter provided. Resident members shall consist of persons residing in the city of Buffalo, *or County of Erie*;† corresponding and honorary members, of persons residing elsewhere.

4. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, a Treasurer, and *fifteen*‡ Councillors, who shall be elected annually, on the second Tuesday of January in each year, by a majority of ballots, and who shall constitute the Board of Managers of the Society.

5. None but resident and life members shall be eligible to office or qualified to vote.

6. *Resident members (clergymen excepted) shall pay an admission fee of five dollars, and for each calendar year thereafter an annual due of five dollars, payable by or before the first day of July.*

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* The words in italics added by amendment, Feb. 8, 1881.

† "*Or County of Erie*," stricken out by amendment, June 8, 1869.

‡ "*Nine*" stricken out and "*fifteen*" inserted in place thereof by amendment, Feb. 8, 1881.

The election of resident members shall confer no privileges of membership until after payment of the admission fee.

Members neglecting to pay their annual dues before the first day of January next after the same becomes payable, shall thereby become ineligible for office until such time as the dues are paid.

All members in arrears two or more years shall forfeit the right to vote at any of the meetings of the Society, and their membership shall be terminated by the majority vote of the Society at any regular meeting.

The President, with the consent of the Board of Managers or of the majority of the Committee on Membership given in writing, may, upon the payment of a portion of the back dues of any member, remit the unpaid balance and restore the full privileges of such members.

*Clergymen elected resident members shall be exempt from the payment of the admission fee and annual dues.**

7. The payment of fifty dollars, at one time, for that purpose, shall constitute a life member, exempt from all annual dues.

8. *The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the second Tuesday of January. The President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President or either of the Secretaries, may direct the call of a special meeting at any time in such manner as the By-Laws shall provide.*†

9. Those members who shall attend at any meeting of the Society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

10. All officers shall continue in office until their successors are elected or appointed. Their duties, when not herein defined, may be prescribed by the By-Laws. All vacancies in office may be filled for the unexpired term, at any regular meeting of the Society.

11. This constitution may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendments be given at least four weeks previous to a final vote thereon.

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* As amended February 8, 1881.

† The clause in italics added by amendment, February 8, 1881.

BY-LAWS.

1. The meetings of this Society shall be held at the rooms of the Society, or at such other place as the President may appoint, and at such hour as shall be designated by the Secretary in the notice of the meeting.

2. The Recording or Corresponding Secretary shall give notice of each meeting by previous publication of the same in one or more of the daily papers of the city.

3. Any meeting may be adjourned to such time as a majority of the members present shall determine.

4. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Society, regulate its proceedings, preserve order and decorum, and have a casting vote. He shall also be the Chairman of the Board of Managers.

5. The Vice-President shall discharge all the duties of the President in case of his absence.

6. The Recording Secretary shall have the custody of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Records of the Society. He shall give due notice of all its meetings, and keep a record of the same. He shall be the Secretary of the Board of Managers, and keep a record of its proceedings.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall have the custody of all letters and communications on the business of the Society, and shall read to the Society all communications received by him as such Secretary. He shall, under the direction of the Society, prepare all communications to be addressed to others in the name of the Society, and keep true copies of the same.

8. The Librarian, under the direction of the Board of Managers, shall have the custody of the library and cabinet, including all manuscripts, papers, documents, coins and maps, and shall, under the direction of the Board of Managers, provide cases suitable for their preservation, and for convenient reference and inspection. He shall keep a record of all donations, and report the same from time to time to the Society.

9. The Treasurer shall receive and keep all securities and sums of money due and payable or belonging to the Society. He shall keep the funds of the Society on deposit, to his credit as such Treasurer, in some safe institution, to be approved by the Board of Managers,and shall pay all such sums as the Board of Managers shall direct, on the written order or warrant of the President. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and render an annual statement thereof, and oftener if called upon by the Society or the Board of Managers. He may be required to give security for the faithful discharge of his duties, in such sum and form as the Board of Managers shall direct.

10. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to control and manage the affairs and funds of the Society. They shall make annually, on the second Tuesday of January, a report to the Society of its acquisitions and transactions for the preceding year.

11. All books, maps, manuscripts, and other articles belonging to the Society, shall be plainly marked with the name of the Society, and numbered, and entered in a catalogue arranged for convenient reference.

12. *No books or other property of the Society shall be loaned or taken from the rooms except on the written order of the President, or, in case of his absence from the city or incapacity to act, on the written order of the Vice-President; provided, however, in the case of Battle Flags or other articles of which the Society is the custodian and not the owner, the Secretary may in his discretion deliver the same on the requisition of the owners or their properly constituted representatives.**

* The clause in italics added by amendment, Dec. 9, 1879.

13. Any of these By-Laws may be suspended in case of a temporary exigency, by the unanimous vote of a meeting duly organized. They may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendment be given at least four weeks previous to a final vote thereon.

14. Any member of this Society may be expelled by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the resident members present at a regular meeting; but no such vote shall be taken unless notice of the motion to expel shall have been given at a meeting held at least four weeks previous thereto.

15. On the second Tuesday in January in each year, there shall be an address delivered before the Society by some person to be appointed by the Board of Managers.

16. At the meetings of the Society, and (so far as may be applicable) at the meetings of the Board of Managers, the following shall be the order of business:

1. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Reports and communications from the officers of the Society.
3. Reports from Committees.
4. Election of members.
5. Miscellaneous business.
6. Reading of Papers and delivery of Addresses.

17. As soon as convenient after the annual election of officers, the President shall appoint from the Board of Managers, the following Standing Committees, to consist of three members each, viz.:

1. On Finance.
2. On the Library.
3. On Papers and Property.
4. On Donations, Subscriptions and Collections.
5. On Publications.
6. On Membership.
7. *On Club Meetings.**

* The words in italics added by amendment, Oct. 9, 1877.

18. The President shall be, *ex officio*, Chairman of the Committee on Finance; and it shall be the duty of such Committee to take the general charge and supervision of the books, accounts, and reports of the Treasurer, and of the finances, receipts, and expenditures of the Society. It shall also be its duty to consider and recommend all suitable measures to increase the revenues of the Society, and promote economy in its expenditures. It shall examine and report upon all accounts and claims against the Society, and upon all propositions for the appropriation or expenditure of its funds, when such propositions have not been reported upon, or made, by some other Committee of the Board.

19. The Committee on the Library shall have the general charge and supervision of the Library, and of all propositions and measures in regard to its increase, use and management; or in regard to the procurement, exchange, or other disposition of books, periodicals, and pamphlets, or their binding or preservation. They shall cause a full and perfect catalogue of the books, periodicals, and pamphlets belonging to the same, to be made, and, from time to time, corrected, continued, and kept, in order to facilitate reference thereto, and secure proper accountability therefor.

20. The Committee on Papers and Property shall have the general charge and supervision of all the papers and other property of the Society which shall not be catalogued as a part of its Library, and thus placed in the special charge of the Committee on the Library. It shall be its duty to cause a full and perfect list or inventory of the same to be made, continued and kept; and to propose to the Board, and carry into execution (after the approval of the Board of Managers has been obtained), such measures as may be deemed expedient for the classification, arrangement, care, preservation, and security of such papers, or, for obtaining papers or articles of historical or local interest for preservation by the Society.

21. The Committee on Donations, Subscriptions and Collections shall have the general supervision and charge of procuring donations to the Society, and subscriptions to its funds, or for any special object. It shall also have charge of the collection thereof, and

of all debts, and annual or other dues, to which the Society may be entitled; and it shall be its duty to propose proper measures for procuring donations and subscriptions, and for the prompt collection of all such subscriptions, debts and dues.

22. The Committee on Publications shall have the charge and supervision of all publications made by the direction of the Society, and shall carefully examine all papers and other things directed to be published, in order to discover all errors and defects, and procure the correction and remedy thereof. It shall also be their duty to make, or cause to be made, for publication, such abstracts or abridgments of papers as may be required, unless some other Committee shall have been charged with that duty.

23. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Membership to consider and report upon all questions relating to membership, which may be referred for that purpose, and as far as practicable, to induce all proper persons to become members of the Society.

24. As soon as convenient after the annual election of officers, the President shall appoint the following Committees, each to consist of three members of the Society, not Managers, viz.:

1. On the increase of the Library.
2. On the Increase of Members.
3. On Donations and Subscriptions.
4. On Statistics.
5. On Portraits, Pictures and Photographs.
6. On Local History.
7. On Indian Reminiscences, Memorials, and History.

25. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Increase of the Library, to procure donations of books and pamphlets; to endeavor, by other means, to increase the Library; and to propose to the Board of Managers such measures for its increase as may be deemed expedient.

26. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Increase of Members, to take all proper measures to increase the number of life and resident members; of the Committee on Donations and sub-

scriptions, to endeavor to increase the funds and property of the Society, by donations and legacies, and otherwise; of the Committee on Statistics, to collect, digest, arrange, and put in suitable form for preservation and use, the statistics of the commerce, manufactures, and business of the City of Buffalo and the Lakes and of those portions of the West which are intimately connected with the business of Buffalo; of the Committee on Portraits, Pictures, and Photographs, to obtain donations of portraits, pictures and photographs, and especially of portraits, in oil, of early settlers and other citizens; of the Committee on Local History, to procure, digest, arrange, and put in proper order for preservation and use, materials for a history of the City of Buffalo, and of the several towns of the County of Erie; and of the Committee on Indian Reminiscences, Memorials and History, to discover, collect and arrange in suitable form for preservation and use, whatever they can obtain relating to the habits, peculiarities, possessions, and history of the Indian Nations and Tribes, now, or formerly, occupying portions of this State.

27. All reports of Standing Committees shall be in writing, but they may report by resolution if they shall deem it expedient.

Annual Meeting

OF THE

Buffalo Historical Society.

At the Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society held at its rooms January 14th, 1890, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., there were present William K. Allen, President, and a very large number of members.

The minutes of last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

Upon motion the rules were suspended and Joseph C. Greene, M. D., in an address, formally presented to the Society his collection of Antiquities.

Address of Dr. Greene.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen :—

As one travels through different countries of the world he finds many different objects to attract his attention; and an interest is awakened oftentimes and he is led out into new fields of thought and observation.

We had studied the different phases offered by the several nations of Asia, both by reading and personal

observation, and yet I must say that when I reached Africa and stood on Egyptian soil, and beheld the mountains of stone piled up in the shape of Pyramids, the oldest and largest buildings known to man, some of them reaching back probably to 4000 years before the Christian era, although their age cannot be fixed with certainty, they gave an air of antiquity beyond description.

Magnificent temple ruins are found on either side of the Nile from Alexandria to the Second Cataract, covered with hieroglyphics, which were up to a recent date simply objects of curiosity and speculation; also the obelisk still standing where it was placed over 3000 years ago, covered with the same hieroglyphics, giving us a history of some of the Pharaohs of Egypt.

We also found on the west side of the Nile, near Thebes, those magnificent Tombs of the Kings, cut out of the Libyan mountains, among them being the tombs of Seti I., and his son Rameses II., of the XIX. Dynasty, about 1405 B. C.

We visited the Boulak Museum at Cairo, and stood before the mummied bodies of Seti I., and his son Rameses II., two of the greatest Pharaohs that Egypt ever knew, and although they had been wrapped in the mantle of death for over 3000 years, yet they speak in tones of thunder to this modern age of the nineteenth century, and point with closed eye and silent lip to an age of Egyptian civilization to which the world owes much of its present greatness.

It is hardly necessary for me to say that I was greatly impressed with what I had seen, and a resolution was

formed, there and then, as I looked over the needs of my adopted city (Buffalo) and realized the fact that she was deficient in some things which go to make a great city, that I would do what I could to put her on a platform of equality with other cities of the new world; and hence we have here before us to-night this Egyptian, Syrian and Assyrian collection, which is typical of the several countries it represents, as far as it goes. We have no apology to offer for the smallness of this collection, for those of you who have visited the museums of the Old World know how very difficult it is to procure even a duplicate of an antique object.

The British Museum of London, the Louvre of Paris, and the Berlin Museum, as well as a large number of museums in different parts of Europe, are comparatively well supplied with antiquities from these several countries, from the fact that they have been collecting for the last century at a time when there was little or no opposition to the removal of antique objects to foreign countries.

Now there is a strict guard kept against the removal of antiquities from Egypt and these other countries. Since 1862, all objects must bear the stamp of the Boulak Museum before they can be removed from the country. This mummy was stopped on the way down the Nile from Luxor to Cairo because it did not have the required endorsement, and we were obliged to ask the assistance of our American Consul, which I am pleased to say was freely given, and after some weeks' delay the mummy, which is a very fine one, with a sarcophagus

that cannot be excelled, was duly forwarded to Buffalo.

I will only mention a few of the interesting objects of the collection:

FIRST—A cast of the "Rosetta Stone," so called from being found by one of Napoleon's soldiers in 1799, at a place of that name at the mouth of one of the branches of the Nile Delta. This was one of the most important finds imaginable, as it proved to be the key that unlocked Egyptian archæology. The stone bears a tri-grammatical inscription or an inscription in three different languages, the first being pure Egyptian hieroglyphics, the second demotic and the third Greek, the last being the key to the other two. Without this stone we should be as much in the dark as regards the history and language of ancient Egypt as were our ancestors of the sixteenth century.

SECONDLY— We will mention the bust of Rameses II., one of the great obelisk builders, and the Pharaoh who oppressed the children of Israel and imposed upon them tasks grievous to be borne, and whose mummied body was found in the wonderful discovery of 1881, and now lies in the Boulak museum at Cairo.

The next in order is a cast of the "Moabite Stone," so called, the original of which is in the Louvre at Paris. It was found at Dibon in the land of Moab in 1869, by a German missionary. It contains a Phœnician inscription giving an account of a war between Mesha, King of Moab, and the Israelites, about 900 B. C., which corroborates the Bible account as given in II. Kings, 3rd chap. This stone is very interesting to Bible students as it gives the

forms of the Phœnician letters used on both sides of the Jordan, in the time of Ahab. It also gives us the precise mode of writing employed by the early prophets of the Old Testament.

Next we have the cast of the Siloam inscription, at Jerusalem, discovered in 1881, which is also given in the Phœnician alphabet. The original inscription is found in a tunnel, which was excavated about 700 B. C., or in the time of Isaiah, through the solid rock, from the Virgin spring, a short distance from the south wall on Temple Hill to the Pool of Siloam in the Cheesemaker's or Tyropæon valley. The tunnel of Siloam is over 5,000 feet in length, and was excavated, according to the inscription, on the same general principles used in this nineteenth century, that is working from both ends and meeting at or near the centre of the tunnel, showing that they were well up in the science of engineering, even at that remote period.

We also have an interesting cast of a monument or black obelisk, so called, which was recently brought to light, the original of which is in the British Museum. It was found in the mound of Nimrod in Assyria. It is embellished both by pictorial representations and inscriptions giving an account of the exploits of Shalmaneser, with Jehu, King of Israel, who appears on the obelisk as proffering submission to the Assyrian King.

There is a large number of objects worthy of mention, but we will mention but one more, the original of which is in the British Museum. It is called the "Sargon" stone. It is an egg-shaped object of variegated marble

beautifully drilled and polished, bearing carefully executed Babylonian writing, giving a history of Sargon I., King of Agada, 3800 B. C.

In the march of civilization Egypt took the lead, followed closely by Syria and Assyria, as is proven by the inscriptions written on stone, and by the hieroglyphics found on obelisks, temples and in tombs. These countries were closely united, commercially and socially, 3000 years ago. Large armies from one of these countries often invaded the other and laid the inhabitants under tribute. Alliances were also formed between two of these countries against the third, similar to what is known to exist in Europe at the present time.

It is the desire of the donor that this collection shall stimulate a wider interest and research into all that the monuments and antiquities of these several countries can tell us in corroboration of Bible history. It is also my hope and desire that other men shall make similar contributions to the Buffalo Historical Society, and that my collection shall be merely the nucleus of much greater and more extensive collections.

Now, Mr. President, allow me to present this collection to the Buffalo Historical Society through you as its chief executive officer.

Mr. William C. Bryant was called upon to accept the munificent gift in the name of the Society.

Response by William C. Bryant.

The Buffalo Historical Society accepts with the deepest sensibility the munificent gift which Dr. Greene

has laid at its feet to-night. We appreciate, too, the happy and timely suggestion which finds expression only in the gift itself.

Our Society has passed the probationary and experimental stage. It is destined to live as one of the permanent and cherished institutions of our city. The primary object of its founders was to piously gather and preserve records of the lives and achievements of the pioneers, who laid the foundations of civilization in this region, as well as the few perishing memorials that remain of the hapless race whom we have dispossessed.

This object was a commendable one, and must never be lost sight of, but, in a measure it has been outgrown, and has proved too narrow and restricted to meet the growing demand for a broader culture and a more diversified field of research. The domain of local history has been industriously explored, although by no means exhausted, by this Society. To justify its claim to live, and to receive a generous and loyal support from advancing generations, the scope of our Society's purposes and aims must be widened so as to embrace more than one topical feature. Dr. Greene is perhaps the first of its benefactors to grasp, or accentuate this truth. Too modest to voice it in any other way, the dead lips of a High Priest of the Pharaohs, and these other eloquent memorials of the oldest civilization the earth has known, have given his thought impressive utterance.

I beg to thank Dr. Greene on behalf of the Society, and its large constituency, for his thoughtful and noble benefaction. May the spirit which prompted the deed awaken a generous emulation!

Mr. Geo. S. Hazard next addressed the Society and presented his manuscript volume of the war history of the Board of Trade Regiment, the 100th N. Y. Volunteers.

Mr. Hazard's Address.

Mr. President, Veterans of the 100th Regiment, and Ladies and Gentlemen:

Permit me to call your attention to the volume before you containing a compilation of interesting matter relating to the Buffalo Board of Trade Regiment, the distinguished 100th New York State Volunteers, during its service in the War of the Rebellion, consisting mainly of manuscript records, regimental reports, correspondence and much other material that may be termed historical, the greater part of which came into my hands while president of the Board of Trade and chairman of the War Committee during that eventful period from July, 1862 to April, 1865.

These records I now have the pleasure of presenting to the Buffalo Historical Society for public examination and reference, in the hope that the present and future generations may know and revere the names and deeds of the men who, inspired with a noble patriotism when their country was in danger, endured hardship, privations, and perils, even unto death, to preserve its Constitution and laws.

From the outbreak of the Rebellion the loyalty of the members of the Buffalo Board of Trade was strongly marked by frequent and generous contributions to various military and sanitary organizations for service on the

field. In July, 1862, although comparatively few in number, they contributed a special sum amounting to nearly $23,000 as a "war fund." A committee of ten members was appointed by the Board, with instructions to report in regard to a proper and beneficial appropriation of the fund. Many suggestions and projects were offered and pressed, but the committee, after mature deliberation and inquiry, found that the truly lamentable condition of the 100th Regiment in consequence of the great losses sustained in the terrific battle of Fair Oaks, and the gallant courage displayed by the regiment, appealed most strongly to the sympathy and admiration of the committee.

This regiment was organized in Buffalo and left here early in March, 1862, numbering 960 men, rank and file, in all the pride and strength of youthful manhood. The enemy, in largely superior numbers, was encountered in the vicinity of Richmond during the latter part of the ensuing May, when a conflict of the most stubborn and bloody character took place. Our regiment behaved in that deadly contest, under a loss of more than one-half their number in killed, wounded, and missing, with the heroic coolness of veterans.

The battle ended, sadly torn, wounded and broken by the heavy loss of brave officers and men, reduced from 960 to 451, rank and file, the regiment rested in weariness, a wreck upon the fatal field of Fair Oaks, disheartened but not defeated, discouraged but not in despair.

It was at the moment when consolidation with other

corps and consequent dissolution of the ranks and loss of the dearly-earned reputation of the regiment for indomitable courage and gallant fighting qualities were threatened, that the Board of Trade held out its generous hand and became its foster-parent by adoption. There was no delay by the Board in taking prompt and active measures in enlisting good, able-bodied men and sending them to the field to fill the broken ranks, until more than 500 recruits were supplied and the regiment numbering 984, rank and file, stood restored. Time will only permit a brief mention of some of the sieges, assaults, and battles in which the 100th bore a conspicuous part, viz.: Yorktown, Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Fair Oaks, Bottom's Bridge, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Cole's, Folly and Morris Islands, Fort Wagner, Richmond & Petersburg Railroad, Drury's Bluff, Bermuda Hundred, Deep Bottom, Fussill's Mills, New-Market, Hatcher's Run, and last the deadly assault and capture of Fort Gregg, the key of Petersburg, which took place only a few days before the surrender at Appomattox.

The assault on Wagner in July, 1863, resulted in large losses, and was followed by the Virginia campaign in 1864, unparalleled in activity and violence, and which increased still more the list of killed, wounded, and captured; consequently the regiment became greatly reduced in numbers. On appealing to the Secretary of War he ordered details of some 350 conscripts, which added materially to the strength of the regiment.

On the pages of this volume will be found, so far as has been possible to ascertain, the name of every man

connected with the 100th Regiment, including a list of commissioned officers, date of commission, date of rank and remarks, the autographs of several hundred volunteers enlisted by the Board of Trade, letters from officers and privates of the regiment and others, letters to Governors of the State in regard to appointments and promotions, letters to the Secretary of War, correspondence with the medical and hospital departments of the Government in regard to removal of sick and wounded soldiers to hospitals nearer their homes, and correspondence upon other matters connected with the regiment too numerous to detail; also, as far as can be ascertained, complete lists of killed, wounded, and missing of the 100th in the various battles in which it was engaged.

From its organization to the close of the War the records show the names of 1,825 men connected with the regiment, but how many survived and were discharged was a question difficult of solution until by request Gen. George B. Dandy, late colonel of the regiment, kindly furnished a copy of the "muster-out roll" from the records of the War department in Washington, which will be found on these pages, showing that 689 men were mustered out. Considering the heavy losses this appears a large number, but is accounted for by the fact that after Appomattox the remnants of two other regiments, the 148th and 158th New-York State Volunteers, were consolidated with the 100th. After a careful separation there were found only 368 men, rank and file, belonging to the 100th; these obtained an honorable and final discharge, August 28, 1865. I am also under obli-

gation to P. Edwin Dye, Esq., of Washington, late captain in the 100th Regiment, for a muster-out roll received later than that mentioned above, which on examination gave 18 more names of the 100th, which are supplemented, making the total of 368 as above.

There were several officers of the regiment whose names do not appear on the muster-out roll, who, after the surrender, finding no more fields to conquer, resigned and returned to their homes.

I am greatly indebted to the following-named gentlemen for very acceptable and valuable communications, which are placed on the pages of this book, viz.: To Gen. George B. Dandy, U. S. A., late colonel of the regiment, for an exceedingly interesting historical paper, entitled, "Reminiscences of the 100th New-York State Volunteers in the Rebellion." To Maj. George H. Stowits, for his excellent historical sketch of the regiment and its famous deeds; also for his interesting and authentic statement of the perilous scouting exploits of Lewis S. Payne of Tonawanda, late captain in the 100th, who, for his many acts of fearless intrepidity in gaining valuable information of the movements of the enemy, was breveted lieutenant-colonel while wounded and suffering the hardships of a rebel prison. To Bvt.-Maj. Edward L. Cook, for several pages of "Pleasant Recollections of Camp-life in the 100th Regiment." To Capt. George G. Barnum, Jr., for his graphic account of the siege of Fort Wagner, July 18, 1863. To Lieut. Alfred Lyth, for his graphic journalistic narrative of the inhuman treatment received by himself and comrades in the vile rebel prison-pen of Andersonville.

Thus have I briefly mentioned some of the contents of the 400 pages of this volume, but words fail in the attempt to do adequate justice to the patriotism and valiant services rendered by the 100th Regiment under the command of the able and accomplished Col. George B. Dandy and his gallant corps of officers. The regiment was well-known in the Army of the Potomac as the "Buffalo Board-of-Trade Regiment," and its reputation for superior discipline, undaunted courage and morale was proverbial. On occasions demanding extreme daring and dangerous duty, classed as "forlorn hope," our regiment was usually detailed for the task. There is abundant testimony of its gallant bearing, and under the most trying circumstances it was never known to fail or waver.

In the four days of hard fighting in May, 1864, Col. Plaisted, commanding the Third Brigade, in his report says: "Throughout, the 100th had the advance, always willing, always ready, first and foremost in the fight and last to leave the field; its conduct upon every occasion was creditable to its gallant leader, itself, and the great State it represents."

This sanguinary war, which for four years had been prosecuted with unexampled courage and skill on both sides at the sacrifice of a million of lives and untold millions of treasure, was providentially terminated by the unconditional surrender of the rebel army at Appomattox on April 9, 1865, and gentle peace again resumed her "majestic march" to more pleasant and useful victories. Never was there a cause for war more groundless, and probably never in the course of human events one which,

in the Providence of Him who directs the destiny of nations, was so productive of beneficial results to mankind.

It abolished the odious institution of slavery. It settled beyond controversy for all time the disputed problem of the possibility of a Constitutional Republic, and the question of universal human rights. It confirmed and established on enduring foundations a higher and grander civilization than the nations of the world had ever known—a model for all people oppressed by unjust and despotic rulers.

For purposes of this character, the noble and patriotic volunteers, the dead and living heroes contended, enduring toilsome marches, untold perils, wounds, and inhuman prison-barbarities to maintain and perpetuate in their integrity the sacred institutions and laws of our country.

May the hearts of a loyal and beneficent nation and "millions yet to be" ever hold the memory of the brave men who endured, suffered and conquered, in grateful remembrance and place their names "On Fame's eternal bead-roll."

The Rev. Dr. A. T. Chester was called on by the President to accept Mr. Hazard's gift on behalf of the Society, which he did most fittingly.

Major Stowits and Mr. Walbridge also spoke expressing the satisfaction felt by the Regiment in the compilation of the work, and their gratitude to Mr Hazard for his labor upon it.

The occasion was one of great satisfaction to the members of the Society, and it marked the close of a successful year.

Mr. S. S. Guthrie moved that the thanks of the Society be tendered to Dr. Greene and Mr. Hazard for their donations, and that the resolution of thanks be engrossed on parchment, subscribed by the President and Secretary and forwarded to the donors. Carried.

The Secretary then read the following Annual Report of the Board of Managers:

To the Buffalo Historical Society:

In compliance with a provision of Article 10 of the By-Laws, the Board of Managers present their 28th Annual Report of its acquisitions and transactions for the past year.

THE FINANCES OF THE SOCIETY.

General Fund.

1889.	Jan'y 1.	To Balance in Treasury, ...		1,072.72
	Dec. 31.	" Receipts for the year, ...		2,472.57
				3,545.29
1889.	Dec. 31.	By payments during the year, ...		2,551.13
		Balance in General Fund, ...		$ 994.16

Permanent Fund.

1889.	Jan'y 1.	To Balance in Treasury, ...		12,790.44
	April 29.	" Estate of Francis W. Tracy,	10,000	
		Less State Tax 5 per cent,	500	9,500.00
	Dec. 9.	" Estate of William Hodge,		3,000.00
		Total Am't Permanent Fund,		$25,290.44

NOTE.—This Society has no liabilities.

NOTE.—This balance of the Permanent Fund and future additions, are protected by an Act of our Legislature, passed May 15, 1888; the interest *only* can be used for general expenses. For full text of this Act, see Appendix A.

THE LIBRARY.

The Library additions for the year, have been 385 volumes, and 663 pamphlets. Of the volumes received, 331 were by gift and exchange, 3 by purchase, and 51 by binding; all of the Pamphlets were donations. The total number of Volumes now in the Library is 10,418, and of Pamphlets, 8,699.

A large number of magazines, reviews and miscellaneous publications, have also been received from the publishers; a list of the generous donors will be found appended to this report.

Many of the volumes and pamphlets received are of a high order of merit, and have already been useful to the investigators, who daily resort to us for information.

Our Genealogical department, which is now attracting much attention, has also been increased by many sketches of family histories. Good progress has been made in the important work commenced a year ago, of making the Library as complete as possible in its several sets and specialties. In this connection we would state that, in the arrangement of our Library, a special department was formed for the literary productions of our own city, and we have the pleasure to report several rare additions to it, in the past year.

It is desirable that it should embrace all the writings of Buffalo authors.

We hope our members will take a pride in contributing what they can to the completion of these treasures. And the Society particularly begs the favor and compliment of the authors not yet represented, to present, with their autographs, copies of their works for its collection. The Library annex has been suitably fitted up, for the reception of the Magazines, Reviews, Periodicals, and Miscellaneous Pamphlet Reports, and all have been catalogued. The Duplicates have also received similar attention.

NEWSPAPERS.

In the department of Newspaper literature, we have added the following bound volumes of Papers since our last report:

The New York Daily *Tribune*, from 1843 to '58, five volumes.

The Log Cabin, edited by Horace Greeley, 1840, one volume.

New York *Daily Times*, 1866, one volume.

Albany Journal, 1853, one volume, gift of Norman Seymour, Mount Morris, N. Y.

The Californian, 1865, one volume, gift of John L. Love, San Francisco, Cal.

The Daily Buffalo *Express*, from July to Dec., 1888, one volume, and January to July, 1889, one volume, gift of Geo. E. Matthews & Co.

Frank Leslie's, and E. Stahel's German *Illustrated*, 1859 and 1860, two volumes, gift of J. Richter.

Souvenir edition of the *Poughkeepsie Eagle*, 1889, one volume, gift of Clara Barnum, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

We have also received from the Publishers, regularly, and preserved for binding, six dailies and eight weekly papers; twenty-nine volumes from our files have also been bound and added to the collection.

The total number of bound volumes at the end of the year, was 849. The number of unbound volumes, twenty-eight.

It is due to the generosity of the Editors and Publishers, that we are enabled to make this splendid exhibit, and for which we thank them ever so much.

We are sure the generations to come will prize the records, which this Society is preserving for them.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS.

A very large number of single newspapers has been donated, containing Historical, Biographical and Antiquarian articles, which have been cut out, filed and indexed.

As a means of historical reference, this collection is becoming invaluable.

INDIAN MEMORIALS.

The following gifts have been made to the Portrait collection of Indian celebrities, and Archaeological department, in our Museum.

A fighting Arrow, made by the Fox and Sac Indians, at Tama City, Iowa, gift of Mrs. Selina S. Merchant.

One of Red Jacket's Cow-Bells, found in his house

at Seneca Village, March, 1845, gift of Mrs. Lydia P. Wilbur, Elgin, Ills.

A pair of Iroquois Sandals, from Harry E. Montgomery.

A collection of Indian relics found near the river on the Mohawk Valley flats, and sites of Indian villages on the hills above, consisting of stone hammers, sinkers, broken pottery, arrow-points, spear-heads, etc., gift of A. G. Richmond, Canajoharie, N. Y.

A handsome bow, with eleven steel-pointed arrows, one stone axe and whip, with carved bone handle, obtained by the donor from a chief of one of the wandering tribes of Sioux Indians in 1854, gift of Wm. C. Mayhew.

Photographs, life-size, of Chief Nicholson H. Parker and his son Frank S., of the Seneca Nation, gift of Hezekiah McMichael, Photographer.

A full length Crayon Portrait of Red Jacket, a striking and effective likeness, from H. D. Farwell and Geo. Meacham.

Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse, of New York City, sends us Photo Portrait of John Abeel, "Gy-Ant-Wa-Ka," The Cornplanter, a celebrated Seneca Chief.

James W. Clement donates the Photograph of General Ely S. Parker, the famous Soldier and Sachem, in a unique and elaborately carved frame.

An admirable Portrait in oil, of "Peter Sky," a distinguished Onondaga Chief, painted by Col. Tracy,

and kindly contributed to this collection by Mrs. Agnes Ethel Tracy.*

Our collection of Indian Antiquities (though not large), is regarded with a growing interest, and will become more valuable as time rolls on. Let us establish this department on a generous basis, before the opportunity to do this shall have passed away.

PORTRAIT GALLERY.

We have the pleasure to record several valuable accessions to our gallery of Portraits in the year just closed.

The Duke of Cumberland, England, painted on a wooden panel, by Miss Sybil (Huntington) May, Lebanon, Conn., in 1750, gift of Henry Perrine.

Large and handsome Photographs of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt and Henry Waters, were contributed by James Tillinghast.

A Photo, on enameled cloth, life-size, of Jared H. Tilden, a fine work of art, presented by himself.

Three finely executed Crayon Portraits, life-size, of the late persons: the Hon. Erastus S. Prosser, presented by his widow; the Hon. Albert Sawin, gift of his son Benjamin; and Alonzo Richmond, gift of his brother Jewett M. Richmond.

Photographs, life-size, of Wm. H. H. Newman, and

NOTE—*This Chief, with a small body of Indians under his command, was attached to General Porter's Volunteers in the War of 1812, was engaged in the battle of Chippewa, the sortie from Fort Erie, and was with General Porter all through his service on the frontier, and at the General's death in 1844 was a unique and noted figure in the funeral cortege.

Wm. K. Allen, have also been received. These two Portraits complete our Pictorial Group of Presidents of the Historical Society up to the present time.

Spencer S. Kingsley contributed a fine Photo of his father, the late Silas Kingsley; two were donated by Mrs. Ellen P. Curtiss, that of John G. Deshler, and Capt. Morris Hazard.

The Photo Portrait, life-size, of the late Philip Beyer, is the gift of his family.

A Daguerreotype, of Capt. H. J. Hartstein, U. S. Navy, donated by Mrs. Jane E. Brown, widow of the late Col. James W. Brown.*

Two Portraits not framed as yet: a Phototype of Henry Philips, Jr., A. M., Philadelphia, Pa., with Autograph, presented by himself; and one on steel, of John James Audubon, the great Naturalist, gift of New York, Academy of Sciences.

The Albums have received from Philip Brandel, a Photo of the late Alanson Robinson ; and a portrait, cabinet size, of Mrs. Lovina Fillmore, *née* Atwell, widow of Rev. Glezen Fillmore, D. D., taken when she was 102 years old, from P. J. Laut, Clarence, N. Y.†

We feel proud of our Portrait Gallery; it is be-

NOTE.—*Capt. H. J. Hartstein took the Discovery Ship "Resolute" (found in the Polar Seas), Sept. 10, 1855, after she had been fitted up with every care by the United States, to England and presented her to the Queen, Dec. 12, 1856. Capt. Hartstein was royally entertained by the Queen, at "Osborne," by Lord Palmerston at his seat "Broadlands," and by Lady Franklin, at "Brighton," where several distinguished officers assembled to meet him.

NOTE.—†Dr. Fillmore organized the first Methodist Church and Society in Buffalo, 1818.

coming one of the most valuable features of our collections.

Many of the pictured faces on these walls stood by the Society in its infancy, and lent it the powerful help of their personal influence.

THE MUSEUM.

Many gifts have been made to the several departments of our Museum during the past year.

But the most notable single donation comes from Joseph C. Greene, M. D.

He collected in his tour of the world, many objects of antiquity in Egypt, Assyria, Syria, Babylonia and other far-off lands.

When the originals could not be obtained, he spared neither time nor expense in procuring the finest fac-similes, at the Boulak Museum in Egypt, the British Museum, London, and at the Louvre in Paris.

The number of objects is over 300, and they constitute a new department, which will hereafter be known as the "Greene Collection of Egyptian, Syrian, and Assyrian Antiquities."

Our Museum accommodations have been ample enough to admit of a pleasing display of the entire collection, which also includes the silver and copper coins of the world, that are now in circulation.

He has also deposited an English Knight's Armor, mounted, representing the 16th century.

New cases in Antique Oak, and handsome pedestals, with suitable inscriptions, have been provided for their free exhibition to the public.

The Society is deeply indebted, and ever grateful will it be to Doctor Greene, for the gift of his noble collection of Antiquities and Coins. It is alike honorable to him, to the Society and the city.

A complete list of all the objects, which we cannot find room to enumerate here, will be printed in a separate pamphlet.

Prominent among them is the Mummy of an Egyptian High Priest, from Thebes, in its original wrapping and ornaments, supposed to be 3,500 years old, and a pair of Sandals found in his tomb.

Two Stone Tablets, bearing cuneiform inscriptions of grants of land, by one of the Kings of Babylon.

A beautiful Papyrus Book of the Dead, seventy-six feet long, with a translation of the same.

The Sargon Stone, from Babylon, giving a history of Sargon, 1st King of Agada, Assyria, B. C. 3,800.

The Siloam Tablet, discovered in 1881, at Jerusalem, bearing inscription in Phœnician, the history of the excavations between the Virgin Spring and Pool of Siloam, 700 years before Christ.

Two Babylonian Seals, one of Darius the Great.

The far-famed Egyptian God "Osiris," and Goddess "Isis."

The upper half of a Statue of "Rameses the 2nd," who oppressed the children of Israel.

The "Moabite Stone," from the land of Moab, discovered in 1868, bearing the inscription in honor of King Mesha, giving, from a Moabitish point of view, an

account of the struggles of that Nation with Israel, nearly 900 years before the Christian era.

The Babylonian Sun God Tablet.

The "Black Obelisk," from Assyria, recording on its four faces, both by pictorial representation and inscriptions, the Annals of thirty-two years of Shalmaneser's reign, and twenty-five successful campaigns against the nations bordering on the Assyrian Empire.

The Chaldean Account of the Deluge Tablet.

The "Rosetta Stone," bearing three inscriptions, two in Egyptian language, though in separate and distinct characters, and the other in Ancient Greek, and is a translation of the other two.

BEQUESTS.

It gives your Board great pleasure to report the payment of the "Tracy" bequest of ten thousand dollars, less five hundred dollars for State Tax.

The lot of land 100 feet square on Hodge Avenue, devised by the late William Hodge to this Society, has been sold for three thousand dollars.

The Society was made a residuary legatee by the will of Captain John Browning, which was filed for probate on February 25, 1889. It is hoped the Society will realize something from this estate.

The balance of the Reilly bequest, the first ever made to this society, and admitted to probate Nov. 17, 1881, remains still unpaid.

AUTOGRAPHS.

Thirteen Autograph letters were received, five of

Ben Rathbun, in 1870 and '72, from the late Albert S. Merrill, and eight miscellaneous of noted men, from John A. McAllister, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Autograph of John Cisco, Ass't Treasurer U. S., from F. Landenbacher.

That of Gen. John A. Dix, from Hon. Nelson K. Hopkins, and Ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes, accompanying a portrait and sketch of the Loyal Girl of Winchester, Va.

Red Jacket's sign Manual to a receipt for annuity of $100, for the year 1811, from D. M. Collins, Jersey City, N. J.

STAMP COLLECTION.

Two new Judicial Stamps found their way to our Cabinets, one of $1.00 and the other 50 cents, used under the law of Louisiana, for all proceedings in the Courts in the City of New Orleans, and all transactions attending Real Estate, costs are paid by stamps instead of in cash. Gift of W. O. Hart, Esq., New Orleans, La.

LAKE MARINE.

We have to acknowledge two generous donations to this collection, viz.:

A beautiful model of a full rigged ship, from Jewett M. Richmond, and a handsome Oil Painting of the side-wheel steamer "Sultana," in a rich gilt frame, from William I. Babcock.*

NOTE.—*The Sultana was built at St. Clair, Mich., in 1847, for and sailed by Capt. Gilman Appleby of Conneaut, Ohio.

MAPS.

Three rare Maps of the Southern States, published by order of Congress during the war in 1862 and 1863 (a portion of one printed in the field), are the gift of Mrs. Sallie Barry Howe; and twenty-four joint Maps of the northern boundary of the United States were received from the Department of State, Washington, D. C.

LITERARY EXCHANGES.

The usual exchange with kindred societies and other institutions has been carried on during the year with a reasonable degree of success.

New societies of similar character to our own are constantly being organized, and we have extended as far as possible our list of exchange, but deeply regret that we cannot make an adequate return for the many publications of great value which are kindly sent us.

CLUB MEETINGS.

A series of delightful Club Meetings were held, especially for the reading of Historical Papers, every alternate Monday evening during the winter months.

These meetings were well attended, and the topics presented were greatly enjoyed.

The following is a list of the papers read; Two by Cyrus K. Remington; the first was on "Fort Erie" (in Canada), its history for the fifty years of its existence, 1764 to 1814, with an account of its capture by the American forces, under General Jacob Brown, July 3d; the assault by the British under General Gordon

Drummond, Aug. 15th, and the sortie by the Americans, under General Peter B. Porter, Sept. 17, 1814.

The other, on the Battle of "Lundy's Lane," (in Canada), between the American forces, under General Jacob Brown, and the British under General Phineas Riall, July 25, 1814.

The next paper read was by James Fraser Gluck, on "David Gray," one of our departed members. His reflections upon his work and life were a just tribute to his memory.

General Albert W. Bishop followed with a talk on a collection of original letters and documents of unusual historical value, relating to the Civil War, written by Jefferson Davis and others who were among the foremost figures in the Southern Confederacy, both in field and council.

Frank H. Severance gave us two papers on "Buffalo Authors."

In the first sketch he considered the earlier writers in the fields of Theological Controversy, of History, of War literature, and of Poetry.

In the second, he spoke of the writers of Fiction, Biography and Travels, contributors to the several literatures of Science, Medicine, Law and Statecraft.

William Clement Bryant was the next speaker, and chose for his theme, "Captain Brant and the Old King," giving us a new version of the Wyoming tragedy, an account of the Indian exploits in Central and Western New York during the Revolution, with a

description of the siege of Fort Stanwix and battle of Oriskany.

The next Lecture of the course was delivered by the Rabbi Israel Aaron, D. D., on the "Early Israelites of America, with special reference to the Revolutionary War."

The scenes and incidents of the pioneer life, and the patriotic deeds of the Israelites who aided Freedom's cause in the War of the Revolution, were graphically delineated.

All of the Papers read, together with the valuable *letters and documents of General Bishop, forty-two in Number*, which have never yet been presented to the public, were generously contributed to the Archives of the Society.

We have the pleasure to announce that arrangements have been made for several lectures to be delivered on alternate Monday evenings, commencing on the 27th inst., the first by the Rev. Reuben F. Randolph, on "Egypt, Old and New," illustrated by maps and drawings.

The second paper will be on the "Democracy of Bonaparte," by Mr. Rowland B. Mahany. The Hon. David F. Day will follow with a paper on the late Judge Clinton. Due notice will be given of the subjects for the remainder of the course.

MANUSCRIPTS.

Besides the Papers read before the Club last winter, the following valuable Manuscripts have been added to this Collection, viz.:

Recollections of Buffalo and Buffalo people previous to 1832, by Mrs. Rosalie Harris Beebe, widow of Judge Beebe, Elkhart, Ind., donated by her eldest grandchild, Mrs. Eliza M. H. Edwards, Dunkirk, N. Y.

The most important gift of the year to this class of historical material, is that of the records of the One-Hundredth Board of Trade Regiment, presented by Mr. Geo. S. Hazard, President of the Board of Trade, during the years of the great Civil War of the Rebellion, from the adoption of the Regiment, July, 1862, to the close of the War.

This volume is invaluable to every citizen of Buffalo interested in the events of that gigantic struggle for the life of the nation, and especially to each veteran member of the Regiment, as a work of reference.

A handsome stand has been provided by Mr. Hazard for this Historic Volume, so that its contents can be conveniently read, and accessible to all. Here it will be preserved along with the glorious old Flags of the Regiment, and cared for.

The grateful thanks of this Society, the people of this City and friends of the Regiment, with all surviving Veterans, are due to Mr. Hazard, the War President of the Buffalo Board of Trade, for his labor of love, in preserving, compiling and arranging so admirably in this form, these precious records of the valorous deeds of the Regiment, for reference and examination by the generations proud of the deeds of their fathers' friends, and loyal citizens of a saved union.

MEMBERSHIP.

During the year there were elected 2 Life members, 1 Honorary, 15 Corresponding and 10 Resident.

The total membership of the society at the present time, is 683 of which 81 are Life Members, 24 Honorary, 334 Corresponding and 244 Resident, of which 179 are paying members.

It is a sad reflection that with a population of over 250,000 we have only 179 paying members.

It requires no argument to prove that any Historical Society which is to live, and do any effective work, needs an ample income which can be depended upon, to defray the current expenses, bind its newspapers, buy necessary books, and publish from time to time its valuable papers. The general public, to whom we look year by year for an increase of membership, have not given this Society in the past that support which it deserved and ought to have received. May we not hope that in the new year upon which we have now entered, the Society will be more gratefully and generously maintained.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS AND PICTURES FRAMED.

The original manuscript of the Verses known as the "Three Thayers," composed by Miss Fairbrother, Seneca Reservation, in 1826, gift of Eliza S. Haskins.

A fine lithograph of the Declaration of Independence, 1776, gift of John Duncan.

A handsome Photograph of Dr. Lord's residence and surroundings, gift of W. H. Brandel.

A collection of 134 Autographs of French Authors to a testimonial, gift of Mrs. Gertrude Emslie.

A colored Lithograph, showing Union Prisoners confined in Camp Sumpter, near Andersonville, Ga., gift of Col. A. R. Root, 94th N. Y. Volunteers.

Witch Hill, at Salem, Mass., sketched from nature in July last, by the donor, Rufus A. Grider, Canajoharie, N. Y.

A proof Engraving, 36x44, of the U. S. Senate Chamber, and Key, gift of Mrs. Emily B. Alward.

A Photograph of "Camp Union," Geneseo, N. Y., and the Wadsworth Guards, 104th Regiment, N. Y. State Volunteers, with its records, donated by James W. Clement.

NUMISMATICS.

Of the gifts to our Numismatic Cabinets, worthy of special mention, are:

A handsome Mahogany Case, containing in compartments, 73 Copper and 27 Silver Coins of different nationalities, presented by Mrs. Emily C. Shipman, Syracuse, N. Y.

And to the liberality of Dr. Joseph C. Greene, one of our members, we are particularly indebted for the Silver and Copper Coins of the world that are now in circulation.

It is another substantial proof of his regard for the Society.

From 8 other donors, 1 medal and 13 rare coins were received, the particulars of which will be found in our summary of contributions.

NECROLOGY.

The Society's Membership during the past year, has been abridged by many of its most honored names, viz.:

H. S. Cunningham,
Philip Beyer,
John Ericsson, LL. D.
William C. Francis,
Frederick A. P. Barnard, S. T. D., LL. D.
James L. Chichester,
Orrin P. Ramsdell,
Henry Hearne,
Rev. Dr. Libertus Van Bokkelen,
Millard Powers Fillmore,
Alonzo Tanner,
Samuel Wilkeson.

BUSTS.

We report two additions for the year, superbly executed, viz.:

The Hon. James O. Putnam, one of our honored citizens, whom we all know so well.

And that of Deacon Joseph Bennett, of the town of Evans, in this State, an old pioneer and historical character. Both contributed by Gen. John C. Graves.

RELICS OF THE PAST.

A section of the Palisade which enclosed the village of Schenectady in 1690, through which the French and Indians entered for the massacre of its inhabitants; from Rev. Wm. Elliot Griffis, D. D.

The copper Play Pipe, held by Messrs. Sidway, Gillett and Tifft, formerly members of Taylor Hose

Co. No. 1, at the burning of the American Hotel, January 25, 1865, at which time they were killed; gift of the City of Buffalo, by its Board of Fire Commissioners.

A Stone, dressed to its present form and weight, 112 pounds, used during the occupancy of Fort Niagara by the English in the last century, in weighing articles at that Fort; gift of William Fleming.

A handsome Mexican Spur, found in excavating on Delaware Avenue, from H. E. Montgomery.

One of the first five Type-Writers made, donated by Julius H. Dawes.

A handsome Cavalry Sword, used by General Graham in the Mexican War, who on receiving his death wound at Molino del Rey, bequeathed it to his Sergeant, N. W. Kenton (a Buffalonian), for bravery; gift of his step-son, William S. Prior.

A Cutlass, found in the sand by donor on the Lake Shore, foot of Washington Street; gift of Geo. B. McManus.

Relics of the War of 1812, found at Fort Erie (in Canada), donated by Horace G. Ogden of New York City.

A huge Bowie Knife, obtained while in the Military Service of 1861, by Major Edward L. Lee; gift of his father, John R. Lee.

A Rebel Order Book, captured in Sherman's March to the Sea; gift of Mrs. Sallie Barry Howe.

A Snare Drum, used by the late Hiram Hotchkiss, at general field training in Hartford and Farmington, Conn., from 1839 to 1845, and in the procession at

Buffalo at the time of Lee's surrender in April, 1865; presented by his widow.

THE CABINETS.

The articles donated to our Cabinets are too numerous, to report them in detail, but we summarize a few, to show the character of additions:

Transcript of the order for the treatment of Jefferson Davis, while a State prisoner, at Fort Monroe, in 1866.

A large number of papers relating to the Ku-Klux troubles in North Carolina in 1871–'72.

Hungarian and Confederate Bonds and Currency. A one-dollar U. S. Greenback of the first issue. Bills of broken State Banks. Parchment deed of 1701, reign of William and Mary. Enlistment in U. S. Army, 1799. Oath, administered by one Abraham Lincoln. Decorations used in New York at the celebration of Washington's inauguration. Sets of the U. S. Treasury and National Bank Notes. Twenty-five Natural History Specimens, mostly from foreign lands, and Miscellaneous Curios. A full list of the gifts and donors accompanies this report.

RECEPTION OF THE MICROSCOPISTS.

A public reception of the American Society of Microscopists was given at the Buffalo Library Building on Thurday evening, August 22d, from 7.30 o'clock till midnight, under the auspices of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, the Buffalo Library, the Academy

of Fine Arts, the Historical Society and the Microscopical Club.

The entire Library Building was brilliantly illuminated, and every room was thronged with people, many of whom had never been in the rooms of the Historical Society before, and enjoyed the first opportunity of inspecting its commodious apartments and Historical collections.

The Microscopical exhibition was the most varied, extensive and instructive of any that has been held heretofore by the Society.

The 250 Microscopes revealed many beautiful and wonderful things, which, added to the other attractions of Art, Historical and Scientific exhibits, made the entertainment one of the most delightful events which has taken place in the City, and will be an abiding pleasure of memory to the many thousands who participated in it.

VISITORS.

The rooms of the Society have been visited daily by large numbers of citizens and strangers.

As near as it can be estimated, nine out of ten come without leaving their names.

Many come for investigation and study, our pleasant Library room has been the workshop of historians and students of all kinds.

Our Museum, too, with its many attractions, has been a popular and favorite resort of the ever-increasing number of callers.

On several occasions during the year, there were

receptions of large parties of visitors by appointment.

It cannot be doubted that visitors assist in extending a knowledge of the Society and its work.

CONCLUSION.

From the present report of your Board for the past year, will be ascertained how the important trust confided to us, with all its work and responsibilities, has been discharged, and the progress the Society has made, with the exception of a decreased membership, occasioned by death and resignation (which is much to be regretted). In every other respect the Society has never made a better showing, financially or otherwise.

By the munificence of Dr. Greene, a new Department of Antiquities has been added to the Society's Museum, of great historical value.

$12,500 have been given to our Permanent Fund. The amount has been invested in six per cent. bonds, and the interest has thus been made available for future income.

Many things have also been contributed in the way of furnishings (not included in this report) by the private liberality of a few members.

The increase in all its collections has been very large, and marked success has attended the Society in every department of its work.

And lastly, every means of security has been employed to protect and further the wishes of the dead, and the hopes of the living.

Let the past year's unexampled prosperity of our Society inspire us with renewed courage and hopefulness as

we look to the future, and bend ourselves to the achievement of yet more signal success.

The Report was unanimously accepted and adopted, and upon motion of Mr. Hawley, 2000 copies were ordered printed, and also that the addresses of Dr. Greene and Mr. Hazard be included, carried.

Mr. Bryant moved that the chair appoint a committee of seven to nominate suitable candidates to fill the stated offices of the Society during the present year; carried.

The chair appointed Geo. W. Townsend, Wm. Dana Fobes, Wm. C. Bryant, Gen. John C. Graves, Dr. A. T. Chester, John Blocher and Hon. E. S. Hawley.

The committee reported the following nominations:

For President—Geo. S. Hazard.

For Vice-President—J. C. Greene, M. D.

Recording Secretary—Martin Clark.

Corresponding Secretary, *Librarian*, *Treasurer*—Geo. G. Barnum.

COUNCILORS.

Wm. K. Allen,	John Blocher,
James Tillinghast,	L. F. Harvey, M. D.
Emmor Haines,	Geo. W. Townsend,
Wm. C. Bryant,	Rev. Dr. A. T. Chester,
W. H. H. Newman,	Hon. Elias S. Hawley,
Andrew Langdon,	Julius H. Dawes,
Wm. Dana Fobes,	Robert Keating,

Isaac Giershofer.

Upon motion the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot for all those who did not wish to vote for

the officers whose names have been presented; carried.

The Secretary announced the result and the President declared the several gentlemen nominated unanimously elected.

On retiring from the Chair, Mr. Allen made a brief address.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, the thanks of the Society were tendered to the retiring President for the able and dignified manner in which he had filled his office.

The President, Mr. Hazard, then took the chair and briefly thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Contributions

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1889.

Argus Publishing Co., Buffalo: 1 journal.
Ayer, J. C. & Co., Lowell, Mass.: 1 volume.
Andrus, Hon. Le Roy, Buffalo: 25 volumes and 2 pamphlets.
Allen, William K., Buffalo: 1 election ticket and portrait.
Andrews, Judson B., M. D., Buffalo: 10 pamphlets.
Alward, Emily B., Buffalo: 1 large engraving and key.
American Catholic Historical Society, Phila., Pa.: 1 volume.
American Society of Microscopists, Hartford, Conn.: 1 volume.
Allen & Ginter, Richmond, Va.: 4 albums.
American Numismatic and Archæology Society, New York City: 1 pamphlet.

Benjamin, W. R., New York City: 2 magazines.
Buffalo Park Commissioners: 7 pamphlets.
Beauchamp, Rev. W. M., Baldwinsville, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.
Buffalo Board of Fire Commissioners: 1 pamphlet.
Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.: 1 volume and 8 pamphlets.
Brown, Marie A., Chicago, Ill.: 1 paper.
Bell, Hon. Chas. N., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.: 7 pamphlets.
Buffalo Board of Health: Statements of mortality for 1889.
Briggs, Horace, Ph. D., Buffalo: 1 volume.
Babcock, Wm. I., Buffalo: Oil painting steamer Sultana.
Blocher, John, Buffalo: $5 for chairs.
Bryant, Wm. C., Buffalo: 43 pamphlets.
Buffalo City Water Works: 8 pamphlets.
Batten, John M., B. E., M. D., Pittsburgh, Pa.: 1 volume.
Becker, Hon. Philip, Buffalo: 7 pamphlets.
Barnard, Joseph E., Buffalo: 8 volumes.
Brandel, W. H., Buffalo: 1 photograph.
Buffalo City: The Copper Play Pipe held by Sidway, Gillet, and Tifft at American Hotel fire, Jan'y 25, 1865.
Buffalo City Cemetery Association: 1 volume and 1 pamphlet.
Barnum, Geo. G., Buffalo: 1 oak table and 1 Japanese coin.
Buffalo Police Commissioners: 2 pamphlets.
Bleistein, George, Buffalo: 40 pamphlets.
Buffalo Library: 1 pamphlet.
Barnum, Geo. G., Jr., Duluth, Minn.: 1 pamphlet.

Barnum, Clara, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.: 1 volume and 1 paper.
Boston City Hospital, Mass.: 1 volume.
Brown, Mrs. James W., Buffalo: Portrait and Autograph.
Bogart, John, Albany, N. Y.: 1 volume.
Bryant, John C., Buffalo: 2 charts.
Belford, Clark & Co., Chicago, Ill.: 1 pamphlet.
Brooks, M. W., Brooksgrove, N. Y.: Eagle Tavern Board-bill, June 17, 1831.
Brandel, Philip, Buffalo: $1 U. S. Greenback, first issue, 1862; 1 photograph; U. S. half-dollar 1807.
Bigelow, Allen G., Buffalo: 3 photographs of Old Fort Erie, taken in 1889.
Beyer, Philip's Family: 1 portrait.
Butler, E. H., Buffalo: Complete file *Evening News* for 1889.

Chicago Historical Society: 1 paper, 1 pamphlet and 2 leaflets.
Cruickshank, Ernest A., Fort Erie, Ont.: 2 pamphlets.
Clark, Martin, Buffalo: 1 card.
Conover, Hon. Geo. S., Geneva, N. Y.: 3 pamphlets and 9 papers.
Cook, Rev. Philos G., Buffalo: 1 pair army boots and 1 pamphlet.
Converse, H. Maxwell, New York: 1 portrait, 1 volume and 1 magazine.
Chautauqua Society of History and Natural Science, Jamestown, N. Y.: 2 papers.
Crooker, J. F., Buffalo: 1 volume.
Curtiss, Mrs. Ellen P., Buffalo: 2 portraits and a framed certificate.
Commissioners State Reservation, Niagara Falls, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.: 1 volume and 9 pamphlets.
Coan, E. T., Albion, N. Y.: 1 paper and 3 programmes.
Canadian Institute, Toronto, Ont.: 2 volumes and 1 pamphlet.
Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford: 1 volume.
Collins, D. M., Jersey City, N. J.: Red Jacket's Sign-Manual.
Chicago Public Library: 8 pamphlets.
Cook, Hon. Frederick, Albany, N. Y.: 27 volumes.
Clement, James W., Buffalo: 1 portrait and photo of Camp Union, Geneseo, N. Y.
Courier Co., Buffalo: *The Courier* for 1889.

Davis, G. G., Buenos Ayres, Argentina, S. A.: 1 volume.
Department of State, Washington, D. C.: 78 volumes, 8 pamphlets.
Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica, N. Y.: 1 volume, 1 pamphlet and 1 paper.
Dawes, Julius H., Buffalo: one of the first five Type-Writers made, and 1 pamphlet.
David Gray Publication Committee, Buffalo: 2 volumes.
Davenport Academy of Natural Science: 1 volume.
Dedham Historical Society: 1 pamphlet.

De Peyster, Major-Gen. John Watts, Tivoli, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.

Dalby, Henry, Montreal: 1 journal.

Duren, Hon. E. F., Bangor, Maine: 1 volume.

Durrett, Col. Reuben T., Louisville, Ky.: 1 volume.

Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.: 9 volumes.

Essex Institute, Mass.: 7 pamphlets.

Editors *Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal:* 1 volume.

Emslie, Mrs. Gertrude, Buffalo: 134 autographs of French Authors to a Testimonial, framed.

Egle, Wm. H., M. D., Harrisburg, Pa.: 11 volumes.

Edwards, Mrs. E. M. H., Dunkirk, N. Y.: (MS.) Recollections of Buffalo and Buffalo people previous to 1832.

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Appendix "A."

CHAPTER 297.

AN ACT to authorize and direct the Buffalo Historical Society to set apart certain funds as a Permanent Trust Fund, and to restrict the use and investment thereof.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 1888. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION I. The Board of Managers of the Buffalo Historical Society is hereby authorized to, and shall set apart as a Trust Fund, all of the moneys and the proceeds of any real property heretofore bequeathed to it. The said money and property being now held and known as the Permanent Fund of said Society; and all moneys and the proceeds of any property hereafter given, granted or bequeathed to it, excepting money or real property specifically granted or bequeathed to it, for the use and occupation, or the purposes of said Society, and excepting articles of personal property held, given, granted or bequeathed for preservation and exhibition among its archives and historical mementoes, shall be added to said Trust Fund and be made and become a part thereof. Such fund shall be designated as the "Permanent Trust Fund."

SEC. II. The principal of such Trust Fund and all additions thereafter made thereto, shall not be used by said Society or any of its officers for any purpose; but the income thereof, or so much as may be necessary, may be devoted to and used for the purposes of said Society.

SEC. III. The said Trust Fund shall be invested in the following interest-bearing securities: Bonds of the United States of

America; bonds of the State of New York; bonds of the City of Buffalo; bonds of the County of Erie; and bonds of individuals, secured by first mortgages upon real estate, situate in the State of New York, worth at least double the amount secured to be paid by the bond accompanying the mortgage.

SEC. IV. Any manager or other officer of said Society who shall vote for or consent to the misapplication of said Trust Fund, or any part thereof, or any part of the income thereof, or to the investment of any part thereof, except as hereinbefore provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. V. This Act shall take effect immediately.

Appendix "B."

[Copies of the Testimonials ordered to be engrossed by the Society at its Annual Meeting and presented to Dr. Greene and Mr. Hazard for their valuable donations.]

The following Preamble and Resolution were unanimously adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society on the 14th day of January, 1890:

The gift to the Buffalo Historical Society of a collection of more than 300 originals and copies illustrating the Religious, Political and Social History of Ancient Egypt, Syria, Assyria and other Oriental Countries, by Joseph C. Greene, M. D., prompts an appreciative expression by the Society. His munificence has enriched the Society with the results of some of the most valuable discoveries of Archæologists and Scholars. He has greatly facilitated the labors of our Students of the history and civilization of those Ancient Peoples. His patient observation and discriminating judgment, no less than his generous expenditure, have secured this splendid acquisition.

Therefore the Buffalo Historical Society hereby expresses to Dr. Greene its grateful sense of his liberality, and assures him his collection will be sacredly cherished and bear the name of its generous donor.

MARTIN CLARK, SECRETARY. { SEAL } WM. K. ALLEN, PRESIDENT.

The following Preamble and Resolution were unanimously adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society

on the 14th day of January, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety:

During our Civil War the 100th Regiment of New York Volunteers was adopted by the Buffalo Board of Trade. Mr. George S. Hazard, Chairman of the War Committee of the Board, by his arduous labors and constant watchfulness over the interests of the Regiment, rendered important service to our City and the Country. He has won the gratitude of the Buffalo Historical Society, by supplementing that labor by the preparation of a magnificent volume of War History of that Regiment and its members, a result of years of patient work and diligent research, and donating it to the society.

Therefore, Resolved, that the Buffalo Historical Society hereby tenders to Mr. Hazard its thanks for his labor of love, a lasting monument to the patriotism of the gallant One-Hundredth.

MARTIN CLARK,
SECRETARY.

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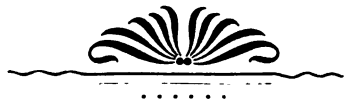

In Memoriam.

Hon. LEWIS F. ALLEN.

At the last regular meeting of the Society, May 6, 1890, the recent demise of our oldest, and one of our most honored members, was feelingly announced.

The following tribute, reported at the request of the Society by the Rev. Dr. Chester and President Hazard, was adopted as the sense of the meeting, and was ordered to be spread upon its minutes, and a copy transmitted to his family:

The Buffalo Historical Society with deep sorrow records in its minutes the death of one of the oldest members, and one of the founders of the Society.

Lewis F. Allen was born January 1st, A. D., 1800, and has lived in Buffalo for more than half a century. He has been identified with the growth of our city and closely connected with many of our benevolent and literary institutions.

He has taken a special interest in this Society, and in its earliest history has often written and spoken in its behalf. He has been one of the foremost in the formation and in the organization of many of our societies, which have for their object the advancement of Buffalo in high culture and true refinement. He has always been keenly alive to any suggestions for the improvement of his adopted city, and has not only been anxious to preserve its history, but also most active in helping to make its history. In this respect he will long be remembered as one of the pioneers of Buffalo. Our beautiful Grand Island, with which he has been identified, and our noble Forest Lawn, of which he was one of the earliest projectors, and where we have just deposited his body, will perpetuate his name to the coming generations.

At his death Mr. Allen's name is on our list as chairman of the Committee on Local History.

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OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was held at its rooms in the Buffalo Library Building on the evening of the 13th of January, 1891.

Geo. S. Hazard, the retiring President, occupied the chair.

The minutes of last Annual Meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

The Secretary read the following Annual Report of the Board of Managers:

To the Buffalo Historical Society:

The 28th year of our organization as a Society has drawn to a close, and another report of its Acquisitions and Transactions is required.

The past year was an eventful one in the history of the Society, and it is the pleasing duty of your Board to record, in a general way, the progress made.

A summary of all the contributions, and names of the donors which accompanies and forms a part of this report, will exhibit the details. Our Financial Report is as follows:

General Fund.

1890.	Jan'y 1,	To Balance in Treasury.....	$ 994.16
	Dec. 31,	" Received for Interest and Dues....	2,885.66
			$3,879.82
1890.	Dec. 31,	By Payment of Orders.....	$3,095.10
		Balance in Treasury.....	$ 784.72

NOTE.—This Society has no Liabilities.

Permanent Fund.

1890.	Jan'y 1,	To Amount in Treasury.....	$25,290.44
	Mar. 25,	" Balance of the Tracy Bequest...	500.00
	Dec. 31,	" Received for Life Memberships..	650.00
		Amount in Treasury.....	$26,440.44

NOTE.—This balance of the Permanent Fund, and future additions, are protected by an Act of our Legislature, passed May 15, 1888; the interest *only* can be used for general expenses. For full text of this Act, see Appendix A.

Red Jacket Monument Fund.

1890.	Sept. 29,	To Amount in Treasury.....	$ 10,000.00
	Dec. 31,	" Received for Interest.....	100.00
		Balance in Treasury.....	$10,100.00

LIBRARY ADDITIONS.

The Library was favored by Gift, and Exchange, with 631 Volumes, 535 Pamphlets, 114 Journals, Reviews and Magazines, a large increase over the previous year. Many desirable books were among the year's contributions, notably, the costly set of six volumes Encyclopædia of Contemporary Biography of New York, finely illustrated. Presented by Mr. Wm. H. H. Newman, whose thoughtful regard for the interest of the library is worthy of grateful acknowledgment.

Special mention is due to Messrs. Elias O. Salisbury, Charles E. Shepard, Prof. E. N. Horsford, William H. Egle, M. D., Hon. Jonathan Scoville, Hon. Samuel A. Green, M. D., the Residuary Legatees of Millard Powers Fillmore, and many others for liberal donations.

From Sister Societies, we have also received a large number of their publications, which we acknowledge with the sincerest gratitude.

Notwithstanding the generous gifts made to the library, from year to year, it is very deficient in many branches, particularly in History (General, State and Local), Biography, Language and Literature, Genealogy and the standard works of Reference.

We can accumulate by donations many valuable books, but only by purchase can we pursue the collection of works in any particular department.

Your Board have the pleasure to report that one of our members, who has been a large contributor, has kindly volunteered to be one of six to give Five Hundred Dollars each, to be expended for the increase and improvement of the library, and publish the Society's Historical collections.

Here is a grand opportunity for men of means to promote the objects of the Society. It stands in pressing need of such benefactors.

NEWSPAPERS.

The additions by gift and binding to this branch of our Library were 113 bound volumes.

John E. Robie heads the list with 62 vols. The Buffalo Library 15 vols. The Hon. David F. Day 13 vols. Cyrus K. Remington 4 vols., and others.

We have also received from the publishers six dailies and eight weekly newspapers.

The Society most gratefully expresses its thanks to the proprietors of all the local newspapers for numerous courtesies, and for the gift of their files to be preserved in our library.

The usual number of single newspapers containing historical and biographical sketches have been received and placed on file for the historiographer.

The use made of these chronicles has been very large, and annually increasing.

NUMISMATICS.

Our Numismatic Collection has been classified, and rearranged in a new and handsome case. The contributions for the year, were:

One bronze medal, struck Nov. 5, 1757, to commemorate a great battle at "Rosbach," Prussia, between the Prussians, commanded by Frederick the Great, and the combined army of French and Austrians, in which the latter were defeated with severe loss. Presented by Wm. S. Prior.

Also 75 separate pieces of Coins. A full list of the donors of Coins accompanies this report.

BUSTS.

We report two additions for the year to this Collection, both presented by General John C. Graves.

One of these is the Bust of Dr. John C. Lord, modeled by Col. Selkirk. The handsome pedestal on which it stands was the gift of a few friends.

The other is of the donor, modeled by Mrs. John C. Graves.

Both are excellent likenesses, conveying the expression of the men admirably.

COLLECTIONS IN THE VESTIBULE.

Among the numerous additions may be mentioned:

The Ball, which ornamented the top of the Tower of the Old First Presbyterian Church, for sixty-three years. Presented by Mr. Edward D. Wilgus.

The Iron Basket, used to convey passengers across the Niagara River, by cable, in 1848.

It was designed and made by Judge Theodore Hulett, of Niagara Falls, to aid in the construction of the great Railroad Suspension Bridge that now spans the Niagara River, and which is the admiration of the world.

Of the thousands that crossed the gorge in this basket, three-fourths or more were ladies.

This valuable relic of the pioneer Bridge was donated by the Niagara Falls & International Suspension Bridge Company, together with specimens of the wires used in the construction of the bridge. These wires had remained straight in the cable for more than thirty-two years, and on being taken out assumed their original curved form, a fact very surprising to all engineers and mechanics.

Mr. Wm. G. Swan, the Superintendent, also put the Society in possession of a handsome Photograph of the bridge, taken from the Canada side, to complete the Collection.

Our Collection of Souvenirs of the old Volunteer Fire Department days was increased, by a beautiful case enclosing the highly ornamented and costly Silver Trumpet, and Fireman's Hat, which Mr. Thomas B. French, formerly Chief Engineer, gave to this Society.

Mr. Thomas M. Jefferson presented a perfect working model of hand Fire Engine, made of copper and brass, by the donor, in 1857, together with an expensive case for its exhibition.

It was awarded two diplomas:

In 1859, at the State Agricultural Society, in the City of Albany.

In 1869, at the International Industrial Exhibition, in the City of Buffalo.

A fine German Silver Trumpet was also contributed by Mr. Emil Macwirth.

WAR RELICS.

The cabinets set apart for War Relics have received some interesting gifts.

A wooden Canteen, used in the Revolutionary War, presented by Mr. Andrew Langdon.

A Brick, from the famous Libby Prison, gift of Miss Belle D. Pelouze, of Richmond, Va.

A Port Signal Lamp, used on Steamer Chicora, while blockade running during the Rebellion, gift of Russell and Watson.

A cannon ball, found on Gull Street, Black Rock, thrown over by the British in the War of 1812. Gift of Mr. Cyrus K. Remington.

These form but a part of what might be enumerated.

MEETINGS.

During the year we have had one special and twelve regular meetings of the Board.

The August Meeting, on the invitation of Councillor Wm. Dana Fobes, was held at his home in Lewiston. It was a pleasant outing for the members.

Seven Club Meetings of the Society were also held during the winter months, at each of which a paper was read or an address delivered.

These meetings were well attended, and were seasons of much interest; in fact, they have come to be regarded as one of the chief attractions offered by the Society to its members.

The following is a list of the topics and speakers:

"Egypt, Old and New." By Rev. Reuben F. Randolph.

"The Democracy of Bonaparte." By Rowland B. Mahany.

"The Measures of Time." By Julius H. Dawes.

"Stanley's Rescue of Emin Bey." By Rev. Dr. W. S. Hubbell.

"The late Judge Geo. W. Clinton." By the Hon. David F. Day.

"An illustrated talk on his recent Travels around the World." By Joseph C. Greene, M. D.

"The Journals and Journeyings of an Early Buffalo Merchant." By Frank H. Severance.

Two of the papers read were privately printed, and fifty copies presented to the Society for its exchanges. It is to be regretted that the others could not have been obtained for its Archives.

In this connection may we not express the hope that the Society will soon be in possession of sufficient means to continue the publication of the valuable papers it has had the good fortune to collect and preserve.

OUR PORTRAIT GALLERY.

Among the accessions to our Picture Gallery in the year just closed may be mentioned:

A full length Portrait in Oil of the late Judge Isaac A. Verplanck, painted from life, by the well-known Artist, L. G. Sellstedt, for the late William G. Fargo.

It comes to us as the bequest of the late Annie H. Fargo. It is held in high estimation by the Society, and is a most valuable acquisition to our Collection.

Three Oil Portraits, superbly executed, were presented by the Residuary Legatees of the late Millard Powers Fillmore, namely, — "Nathaniel Fillmore," father of Millard Fillmore.

That of "Millard Fillmore," late President of the United States, and First President of this Society.

And "Millard Powers Fillmore," the only son of Millard Fillmore.

Here they will be preserved, to the end that the name and memory of Millard Fillmore may be perpet-

uated in the City where he so long resided and among the descendants of those who held him in honored and affectionate regard, as a friend and fellow citizen.

Also a Group Collection of Three Photographs, cabinet size, of the old Law firm of Fillmore, Hall & Haven.

We are also indebted to the Widow of the late William F. Worthington, First Corporation Council, for the possession of his life-like Portrait in Oil.

A large and handsome Photograph of our City Missionary, Rev. P. G. Cook, was presented by himself.

John D. Hill, M. D., contributes his Portrait on Steel.

Major Geo. H. Stowitts has also remembered the Society with a full length Photo Portrait of himself.

A valuable collection of Portraits was the gift of the Buffalo Library, consisting of Thirty Photographs, cabinet size, 15 of deceased settlers, prominent in their day, and 15 of Executive Committee and Matrons, Old Settlers' Festival, 1875, in appropriate frames.

We have also received two fine Crayon Portraits, life size, one of the late Hiram Hotchkiss, gift of his widow, the other of D. P. Dobbins, presented by himself.

Gifts to the Albums, and Port Folios of the Society, were received from Mrs. Mary J. Pierce, Versailles, N. Y.; Oscar W. Collet, Saint Louis, Mo.; Mrs. M. M. Huylar, New York City; Elias O. Salisbury, Cyrus K. Remington and Francis F. Evans.

THE MUSEUM.

An addition of special interest and importance has been made to our Historical Museum, in the very valu-

able gift, by Mr. Cyrus K. Remington, of a handsome and costly case, containing a rare collection of Gold, Silver and Copper Coins, numbering 130 pieces. Arms, and Trophies, from many battle fields, one, a Queen Anne Musket. Lot of Confederate Paper Money, Natural History Specimens, Tokens, Badges, Medals, one of silver, presented by the City of New York, to Lieu't Governor Nathaniel Pitcher, on occasion of the completion of the Erie Canal. Historical Curios, Relics, and Souvenirs, many of them from foreign lands.

All the articles will be given in our catalogue when published.

The Society is also greatly indebted to Joseph C. Greene, M. D., for supplementing his munificent gift of a year ago by a superb Collection of Canes, seventy-eight in number, elaborately carved and ornamented, representing the different countries he visited in his recent tour of the world, all of them worthy of a close inspection, but a few of them especially so.

One, from India, is of ebony, and represents a cobra twined about the stick. An elephant forms the handle of the cane, its foot crushing the cobra's venemous head. Over three hundred pieces of ivory are inlaid along the stick.

A musical cane that plays four tunes comes from Geneva, and near by it is an Irish blackthorn, from the South of Ireland.

Mr. Remington and Dr. Greene have labored to make the Museum, as it deserves to be, an attraction, in

which the interest of our citizens has been manifested to an unexpected extent.

INDIAN MEMORIALS.

A rare addition to this department was an Arrow, three feet long, whose barb and feather as well as shaft are carved in wood that was once the weather vane of the Old Seneca Mission Church. This only relic of the church remaining, was presented by Mr. Wm. A. Farthing.*

Several portraits of Seneca celebrities were also secured.

One, of Red Jacket, Sa-Go-Ye-Wat-Ha, the greatest of Indian Orators, from the skilful pencil of Mr. Geo. N.

NOTE—* The Seneca Mission Church was erected in the year 1826, near what is now known as Indian Church Street in the Thirteenth Ward of the City of Buffalo.

It was built mainly by converts to Christianity under the ministration of the devoted Missionary Harris.

These converts contributed all the lumber from the tribal saw mill, a considerable part of the labor, and one thousand dollars in money. Among the most liberal contributors were the leading Chiefs, Young King, Seneca White, White Seneca, Destroy-Town, John Snow, James Stevenson and Tall Peter.

When the Senecas were forced to abandon their ancient seat on the Buffalo Creek, and retire to Cattaraugus and the Indian Territory, the church was suffered to fall into decay, was gradually dismantled, and finally torn down, for the lumber, by neighboring white settlers. This was done notwithstanding the solemn assurance of the Ogden Land Company that the church, the lot upon which it stood, and the neighboring Indian cemetery, were excluded from the operation of the Treaty, and should remain inviolate in the possession and control of the Seneca Nation.

The erection of this church edifice marks an important era in the history of the once powerful Seneca Nation.

(See Stone's Life and Times of Red Jacket. Missionary Herald, 1826, 1827, etc. Transactions Buffalo Historical Society, Vol. I., etc.)

Bigelow, of Lyons, N. Y., and donated to this Society by Mrs. M. M. Huylar, of New York City.

A fine Photo of Solomon O'Bail, grandson of the illustrious Cornplanter. Gift of Joseph C. Greene, M. D.

A group Photo of Charles and William, two of Cornplanter's sons, taken from a tin type. Presented by Mr. William Schnur, of Warren, Pa.

A Photo of Maris B. Pierce, a Seneca Chief. Gift of his widow.

Mr. Pierce was educated at Dartmouth College, and married an English woman of rare ability, and lovely nature, to whom the Historical Society is indebted for the gift a short time since of the large Silver Medal, given to her late husband by President Fillmore, in 1850, together with a large quantity of valuable correspondence, and rare documentary history of the Seneca Nation, for seventy years.

To those who realize that the great Senecas are passing away, and even now are hardly more than shadows to those who cultivate their soil, these papers are a treasure.

The Society would be glad to receive donations of any character which may throw light upon or tend to illustrate the life and customs of the Indian Tribes that once inhabited this fair land.

Important additions have been made to the following branches of our Collection :

Maps and Atlases,
Autographs,
Manuscripts,
The Lord Collection,
Miscellaneous Pictures and Documents,
Natural History Specimens,
The Currency Collection,
The Stamp Collection,
Historical Relics and Curios.

A complete list of the gifts and donors, which we cannot find room to enumerate here, accompanies this report.

MEMBERSHIP.

As the Society is supported principally by the dues of its members, we are gratified to report an increase this year, largely in excess of the losses occasioned by death and resignation.

For several years past it has been the other way.

This struggle to keep up the membership must be continued until some of the wealthy residents of our great and prosperous city will remember the Buffalo Historical Society, and do for its endowment and usefulness what has been done for similar organizations in other places.

There were enrolled in the past year, 1 Honorary, 3 Corresponding, 13 Life and 66 Resident Members.

The Membership Roll of the Society at the present time may be expressed as follows: 98 Life, 276 Cor-

responding, 23 Honorary and 283 Resident, of which 218 are paying members.

For the benefit of those who may desire to unite with the Society, we will state that the price of Life Membership is Fifty Dollars, and goes to the Permanent Fund.

The Resident Membership is Five Dollars annually, and goes to the General Fund for current expenses.

BEQUESTS.

Your Board have the pleasure to report the payment of Five Hundred Dollars, balance on the Tracy bequest.

The Oil Portrait of Judge Isaac A. Verplanck, bequeathed to this Society in the past year, by the late Annie H. Fargo, has also been received.

We have further to announce the generous bequest to this Society, of Five Hundred Dollars, by the late William Moffatt, which is gratefully appreciated.

RED JACKET MONUMENT.

It will be remembered that one of the conditions annexed to the gift by the Buffalo Cemetery Association to our Society of the lot in which it has caused to be interred the remains of Red Jacket and other distinguished Senecas, was that a suitable monument should be erected on the spot to the memory of the great orator and patriot.

The Society, fully alive to their obligation, has for several years past endeavored, ineffectually, to raise the sum requisite for this purpose.

In this it has received encouragement from many friends, including non-residents, whose zeal and enthusiasm in the work, although not crowned with success, have earned our lively gratitude.

At a point when it seemed that the project must be allowed to devolve upon another,—a more appreciative and liberal generation,—one of our non-resident members, a wealthy New York lady, unexpectedly came to the rescue, and without solicitation, donated to the Society the full amount of the estimated cost of the Memorial, $10,000.

The spirit which accompanied the deed, the grace and modesty of the bestowal, greatly enhanced the munificent and noble gift.

By her desire, often repeated and accentuated, her name was not to be mentioned in connection with the donation, and was not to be engraved on the monument or to be recorded as that of a benefactress on our records.

Soon after receiving this donation a committee was constituted to take charge of the structure, and plans were invited from some of the leading sculptors of the country.

After receiving plans and specifications from different artists, in response to these invitations, the committee have finally adopted one which it believes will be a credit to the Society, the generous donor, and will meet all the requirements of the subject.

The main features of the design are a spirited bronze figure of Red Jacket, on a granite pedestal.

The figure will be a striking portrait of the subject, somewhat larger than life, and in the attitude of addressing a Council of his people.

The height of the monument will be 26 feet, the statue 11 ½ feet, and the pedestal 14 ½ feet.

It is hoped that this memorial will be an accomplished fact before another autumn.

VISITORS.

18,752 citizens and strangers visited the rooms of the Society in the past year.

Many of our citizens brought their stranger friends to show them that our city can boast of one of the richest and most valuable collections in Western New York, and not a few left upon our register book expressions of their satisfaction.

The Society is the most pleasantly situated of any in the building. Its apartments are commodious, neatly furnished and cheerful.

The collections are extensive, thoroughly arranged and well displayed, all of which adds much to the pleasure of an hour spent in the rooms.

Buffalo should be, and is, proud of the Institution, for it is an evidence of the highest civilization.

NECROLOGY OF THE YEAR.

Since our last report this Society has been deprived by death of several of its most valued members.

The Hon. Lewis F. Allen.
Cuyler Garrett.
Rev. John B. Kneist.
Ernest G. Grey.
Amasa J. Parker.
Cyrenius C. Simmons.
Samuel D. Colie.
Elijah Knight.
John Welker.
Robert Dunbar.
Wm. Van Pelt, M. D.
Major Frederick H. Furniss.
Wm. F. Worthington.
Francis P. Wood.
Rev. Robert Dick.
John B. Schlund.

NOTE.—The Society's tribute to the late Hon. Lewis F. Allen, our first Vice-President, (whose demise occurred in May last,) was inserted in the Appendix to our last report. His honored name will long be held in grateful remembrance.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS.

This Society was honored with invitations by the citizens of the town of Geneseo, N. Y., to be present Sept. 11th and join in the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the first settlement of the town.

Also, by the Ohio State Archæological and Historical Society, Columbus, to attend the exercises commemorative of the Centennial Anniversary of Gallipolis, Ohio, in Oct. last, from 16th to 20th.

But, owing to circumstances which could not be obviated, the Society was not represented on either of those memorable occasions.

The Society is growing, its success has exceeded the expectations of its originators, and its wants are many.

Some of its needs have been supplied by gift and others by purchase.

A handsome chair was donated by our President for the Secretary's use.

A portion of the vestibule has been enclosed and fitted up for general storage purposes.

An Iron Safe was purchased for our valuable books and papers.

And three new cases have been provided for the exhibition of some of our treasures.

A new edition of the Constitution and By-Laws was compiled in May last, and published with our last Annual Report.

It was decided by your Board at the July meeting to make and publish a complete and perfect catalogue of all the possessions of the Society.

Work was begun upon the various collections in August last, and will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The Library, which has been assigned to Miss Hawley, to whose skill and faithfulness we take pleasure in bearing testimony, will have a better catalogue than ever before.

CONCLUSION.

The Society has made most excellent advance, and is taking a position now that is gratifying and promising.

Grateful for the aid and confidence we have received, we close the year, leaving the Society in a flourishing condition.

If we enter upon the duties of another year with new resolves and new inspiration for labor, the year before us will be one of greater success.

The report was unanimously accepted and adopted; and upon motion of Mr. Hawley 1,800 copies were ordered printed.

Mr. Townsend moved that a committee of seven be appointed by the chair to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The President appointed the following named gentlemen as such committee: Geo. W. Townsend, Wm. C.

Bryant, Hon. E. S. Hawley, Wm. K. Allen, Julius H. Dawes, Emmor Haines, and W. H. H. Newman.

The committee reported the following nominations:

President—Joseph C. Greene, M. D.

Vice-President—Geo. S. Hazard.

Recording Secretary—Martin Clark.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian and Treasurer—Geo. G. Barnum.

Councillors—Wm. C. Bryant, W. H. H. Newman, Wm. K. Allen, Geo. W. Townsend, Emmor Haines, Rev. A. T. Chester, D. D., Hon. Elias S. Hawley, Julius H. Dawes, James Tillinghast, Cyrus K. Remington, Josiah Letchworth, Robert Keating and Isaac Gier-shofer.

Moved that the report be received and adopted, and that the Secretary cast the ballot for the persons nominated for the respective offices, and that any member wishing to do so could vote in person.

Upon the ballot taken the gentlemen nominated by the committee were declared elected:

The retiring President read the following address.

Members of the Buffalo Historical Society, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure at this annual meeting to congratulate you on the growing importance and prosperous condition of your Society. It was in the gloomy days of 1862, when the air was filled with the notes of war and the hearts of men with fear of coming events, that a few citizens, prominent in good works and inti-

mately identified with the institutions and early history of this city and State, looking beyond the troubles surrounding them, and forward to the wants of the generations which were to occupy the city of their love, firmly resolved that it was expedient to establish a society for the purpose of collecting and preserving the scattered fragments of historical interest in its vicinity. Their names deserve honorable mention. They were:

Millard Fillmore, Lewis F. Allen, Charles D. Norton, Guy H. Salisbury, Oliver G. Steele, Geo. R. Babcock, Wm. Dorsheimer, Wm. Shelton, Walter Clark, Orsamus H. Marshall, Henry W. Rogers, N. K. Hall, Geo. W. Clinton, Geo. W. Hosmer, Henry Daw, John B. Skinner, Wm. A. Bird, James P. White.

While those named and many of their successors have gone to their final rest and their names into history, others still remain with us laboring faithfully in the noble work which they assisted in founding. To their earnest efforts we are indebted for the establishment of the Buffalo Historical Society, whose object has been to procure and preserve the early historical records of the city of Buffalo and Western New York, to gather statistics of the commerce, manufactures and products of the lake region intimately connected with the interests of this city, to collect manuscripts and other matter of historical and genealogical interest regarding eminent persons, early pioneers and the surveys of the State; also facts and sketches of Indian tribes, their chiefs, warriors and orators; their habits, characters, costumes, implements of war, etc.

Twenty-eight years have passed since the organization of this Society. Let us briefly, at least, review some portions of its work.

It had its day of small beginnings in a little upper room on North Division Street; soon, however, the increasing membership and donations demanded larger quarters. After several removals, and the lapse of nearly a score of years, it became the occupant of these premises, on the third floor of the Buffalo Library Building, comprising four rooms and a vestibule with a total floor space of 11,000 feet. To attempt a description of the numerous interesting and valuable articles collected here would require more time than your patience would permit.

In local history I venture to say that nearly every event worthy of record pertaining to the early settlement of this city and Western New York can be found in some intelligible form among its archives.

Of newspapers of Buffalo and elsewhere there are fully 1,000 volumes, from 1823 to the present time. These local records are of inestimable value, and reference to them is of daily occurrence.

The archæological department is highly valuable and instructive, particularly the collection of Egyptian, Assyrian, and other countries made by Doctor Joseph C. Greene during his tour of the world, and generously presented to the Society.

Of rare coins of silver and copper there are a sufficient number to attract and interest the numismatist.

The collection of Indian portraits, weapons, medals, and other remains of a once powerful but now almost

extinct people in this State, is rich and worthy of examination.

Of war mementos we have regimental flags, tattered and torn by rebel shot and shell; also many other relics which are held in sacred trust and memory of the gallantry and patriotism of Buffalo volunteers, in the terrible conflict for the preservation of the Union.

The Lincoln memorial collection, of which the Society is the custodian, deserves more than a passing notice. It consists of a great variety of war mementos, thousands of autographs, 143 volumes of newspapers and letters from prominent men, all arranged with excellent taste in elegant and expensive cabinets inlaid with curious woods, a very valuable addition to the war treasures, and an honorable memorial to the patriotism of the late Julius E. Francis.

The library has assumed large proportions, and is steadily increasing, there being at this time fully 10,000 bound volumes and about 9,000 pamphlets, besides some 600 volumes, the gift of the late Mrs. Millard Fillmore. The Society is also the custodian of the celebrated library of the late Rev. Doctor Lord, consisting of eight thousand volumes of ancient and modern works, which are greatly appreciated by students as books of reference.

Of maps there is a great variety of geographical, topographical, geological, treaty, boundary, war maps, lake surveys and surroundings.

Of manuscripts there is a large collection which would prove a valuable addition to local historical literature had the Society the means to publish.

On the walls of the portrait gallery and other rooms are many excellent oil and crayon portraits, and hundreds of photographs of distinguished persons of our city and State; also a number of marble and plaster casts, some of the latter being the skilful work of a highly esteemed and talented lady amateur of this city, and are greatly admired for their artistic merit and striking likeness to well-known citizens.

To the valuable collection which has been briefly mentioned may be added several thousand other objects of minor importance in the museum, but sufficiently interesting and instructive to repay careful examination.

All articles in the rooms of the Society are so perfectly arranged and recorded by our excellent and systematic Secretary that only a few minutes are required to furnish any book, pamphlet, manuscript or article in possession of the Society.

The Society has long had in view the project of erecting a suitable memorial to "Sa-go-ye-wa-tha," better known by the name of Red Jacket, the great Indian chief and orator, who, it is acknowledged, was the ablest representative of the Seneca Nation in its association with the Iroquois confederation; but all efforts to procure funds for this purpose resulted in absolute failure. Within a few months, however, by the gift of a generous and public-spirited lady, the Society has received ample means to accomplish the long-desired object. The committee having the matter in charge have received sketches and designs from several artists, and after mature consideration have unanimously adopted

the spirited and characteristic design of Mr. J. G. C. Hamilton, and entered into a contract with him for the entire work. The statue will be of heroic size, nearly twelve feet in height, of the best quality of bronze, placed on a suitable granite pedestal, the entire height to be about 26 feet.

The report of the Treasurer shows that the Society is entirely out of debt, and has a permanent fund amounting to $26,440 safely invested. This sum includes all legacies and payments for life membership. Not a dollar of this fund, beyond the income, can be used for any purpose whatever. The current expenses of the Society are defrayed from the income of the permanent fund and annual memberships; but this moderate income leaves an exceedingly small margin at the end of the year, consequently the growth and usefulness of the Society are greatly restricted. The report of the Secretary states that during the year there has been a good increase in membership, and that the contributions to the library and other departments have been liberal and valuable.

The necessary labor of numbering, classifying and placing in proper order the contents of the library, museum and other rooms, was begun some months since by our indefatigable Secretary, who, aided by the good taste and handy work of his assistant, Miss Hawley, intends to have a descriptive catalogue completed and in print during the ensuing summer.

When we consider that all the interesting possessions in these rooms are free-will offerings to the Society, and

that a day rarely passes without some valuable addition being made by old or new friends, the members may well indulge in mutual congratulations and thanks to the donors who have so generously encouraged them.

The Buffalo Historical Society has already given abundant evidence to all who will investigate its character and its manifold labors, that it is a firmly established, active and indispensable institution, worthy of the fostering care and generous support of all who are interested in the work of preserving and handing down to coming generations well authenticated records of the men and important events of our own times. It will be admitted that every man, however high or low in station, profession or occupation, contributes daily his part in forming the elements which, by the processes of time, crystallize into history. The usefulness of historical societies probably was never more apparent than in this age of wonderful scientific progress and archæological discovery. Within the memory of many present, the world has been revolutionized by steam and electricity.

In the year 1838 Doctor Lardner, an eminent English scientist, wrote an elaborate article showing conclusively, (in his own judgment, at least,) that ocean steam navigation could never be successfully established, but simultaneously with its publication, the steamships "Great Western" and "Sirius" arrived in New York with passengers and freight, fairly demonstrating its practicability. With such rapidity have the two great forces advanced in reducing time and distance, that we can

compass the globe in seventy days, or communicate with a friend at the antipodes in thirty minutes.

We hesitate to use the word impossible, however stupendous the projected work may be, while we see obstacles, apparently insurmountable, disappear at the command of science.

The mouldy records of antiquity are searched with enthusiasm for some new revelation, and the ruins of long forgotten cities are yielding to the spade and pick-axe of the archæologist's startling historic truths and artistic treasures. We can hardly venture the opinion that science and art have reached their highest point; rather let it be said that we are simply "gathering pebbles on the shore, while the great ocean of truth lies unexplored before us." The result of the work of the Society is before you and speaks for itself. We invite examination and criticism; more than this, we invite the earnest co-operation of our fellow-citizens in adding to its attractions and usefulness. To meet the constantly augmenting expenses we need the influence and income of a largely increased membership, and as this Society is not a close corporation for men alone, we ask the kind consideration of the ladies, trusting that many will send in their names for membership during the ensuing year. The influence and graces of woman are ever an unfailing element of success in all good works.

May we not also hope that some portion of the large estates in the hands of generous-hearted persons will in good time come to our permanent fund, to be held in grateful memory of the giver.

Our doors are open to the public free of charge, and every year thousands of visitors, young and old, of our city and the adjoining towns, and strangers from distant States, examine the collections in the museum and other rooms with great interest, and doubtless derive much, if not more instruction through the eye than would be obtained from books. Nearly 19,000 persons visited the rooms during the past year.

I take pleasure in bearing testimony to the invaluable services of our esteemed friend and Secretary, Mr. Barnum, whose untiring labors have added largely to the popularity and material wealth of the Society.

Although we may view with just pride the flourishing condition and good reputation of our Society, much, very much, remains to be accomplished.

Your foundations have been well laid and the superstructure planned with sound judgment; let us be careful of its adornment and its attractions, that the fair proportions of your undertaking be in such perfect harmony that it may prove a model worthy of imitation.

I take this opportunity to tender many thanks to my associates, members of the Board of Managers, for their prompt attendance at all business meetings, and for their uniform kindness and courtesy during my term of office.

Mr. Bryant moved that the thanks of the Society be extended to our retiring President for his exceedingly

able administration of the affairs of the Society during the past year.

Wm. C. Bryant and Rev. Dr. Chester were appointed to conduct the President-elect to the chair, and upon assuming the same, he briefly thanked the Society for the honor, promising to do all in his power to further its interests.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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American Folk Lore Society, Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 journal.
American Historical Association, Washington, D. C.: 1 pamphlet.
American Congregational Association, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
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Barnum, Geo. G., Sr., Buffalo: 24 copper coins, 3 picture frames and 1 volume.
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CHAPTER 297.

AN ACT to authorize and direct the Buffalo Historical Society to set apart certain funds as a Permanent Trust Fund, and to restrict the use and investment thereof.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 1888. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION I. The Board of Managers of the Buffalo Historical Society is hereby authorized to, and shall set apart as a Trust Fund, all of the moneys and the proceeds of any real property heretofore bequeathed to it. The said money and property being now held and known as the Permanent Fund of said Society; and all moneys and the proceeds of any property hereafter given, granted or bequeathed to it, excepting money or real property specifically granted or bequeathed to it, for the use and occupation, or the purposes of said Society, and excepting articles of personal property held, given, granted or bequeathed for preservation and exhibition among its archives and historical mementos, shall be added to said Trust Fund and be made and become a part thereof. Such fund shall be designated as the "Permanent Trust Fund."

SEC. II. The principal of such Trust Fund and all additions thereafter made thereto, shall not be used by said Society or any of its officers for any purpose; but the income thereof, or so much as may be necessary, may be devoted to and used for the purposes of said Society.

SEC. III. The said Trust Fund shall be invested in the following interest-bearing securities: Bonds of the United States of America; bonds of the State of New York; bonds of the City of Buffalo; bonds of the County of Erie; and bonds of individuals, secured by first mortgages upon real estate, situate in the State of New York, worth at least double the amount secured to be paid by the bond accompanying the mortgage.

SEC. IV. Any manager or other officer of said Society who shall vote for or consent to the misapplication of said Trust Fund, or any part thereof, or any part of the income thereof, or to the investment of any part thereof, except as hereinbefore provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. V. This Act shall take effect immediately.

APPENDIX "B."

REPORT ON THE LORD LIBRARY FOR 1890.

To the Buffalo Historical Society:

An annual report of a library to which neither books, pamphlets nor periodicals are ever added is liable to become rather monotonous. This being the condition of the "Dr. Lord Library," very little new matter can be reported from year to year. One thing can be said, however, that it is better known each year in the city as a reference library.

To those who from time to time visit the library for the purpose of consulting the books, the resources thereof seem more and more abundant.

There are expressions of delight from many visitors as they view through the cases the rare and old books which lie open at some interesting page, and learn thereby the style of early printing and book-making. From two to three hundred of these interesting volumes were published in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and a goodly number at a still earlier date.

This year a daily list of visitors to the rooms of the Historical Society in which the Dr. Lord Library occupies a prominent place, has been kept, the number being 18,752 for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

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FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO THE PRESENT TIME.

*Millard Fillmore, from	1862 to 1867
*Henry W. Rogers,	1868
Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D.,	1869
*Orsamus H. Marshall,	1870
*Hon. Nathan K. Hall,	1871
*Wm. H. Greene,	1872
*Orlando Allen,	1873
*Oliver G. Steele,	1874
*Hon. James Sheldon,	1875 and 1886
Wm. C. Bryant,	1876
*Capt. E. P. Dorr,	1877
Hon. Wm. P. Letchworth,	1878
Wm. H. H. Newman,	1879 and 1885
Hon. Elias S. Hawley,	1880
Hon. James M. Smith,	1881
*William Hodge,	1882
*Wm. Dana Fobes,	1883 and 1884
*Emmor Haines,	1887
James Tillinghast,	1888
Wm. K. Allen,	1889
Joseph C. Greene, M. D.,	1891
Geo. S. Hazard,	1890 and 1892

*Deceased.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was held at the Society's rooms in the Library Building, on the evening of the 12th of January, 1892.

Soon after eight o'clock the meeting was called to order by President Joseph C. Greene, M. D., with Martin Clark, Esq., at the Recording Secretary's desk. Some fifty or more were already present, and the members increased as the evening advanced, and were nearly doubled when the veterans of the 100th Regiment entered and took seats.

After the minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved,

The Secretary read the following Annual Report of the Board of Managers:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

In compliance with a provision of Article X of the By-Laws, your Board have the pleasure to submit to the Society their 30th Annual Report.

CONDITION OF THE FINANCES.

General Fund.

1891.	Jan'y 1,	To Balance in Treasury.....	$ 784.72
	Dec. 31,	" Received for Interest and Dues...	2,889.34
			$3,674.06
1891.	Dec. 31,	By Payment of Orders.....	$2,550.72
		Balance in Treasury.....	$1,123.34

NOTE.—This Society has no Liabilities.

Permanent Fund.

1891.	Jan'y 1,	To Balance in Treasury.....	$26,440.44
	Dec. 31,	" Received for Life Memberships..	400.00
		Balance in Treasury.....	$26,840.44

NOTE.—This balance of the Permanent Fund, and future additions, are protected by an Act of our Legislature, passed May 15, 1888; the interest *only* can be used for general expenses. For full text of this Act, see Appendix A.

Red Jacket Monument Fund.

1891.	Jan'y 1,	To Balance in Treasury.....		$10,100.00
	Dec. 31,	" Received for Interest.....		231.78
				$10,331.78
1891.	April 15,	By Paid J. G. C. Hamilton,	$4,000.00	
	Dec. 22,	" " "	3,682.00	
	" 26,	" " "	1,518.00	
	" 31,	" " Orders for Sundry Expenses.....	147.50	9,347.50
		Balance in Treasury.....		$ 984.28

Every claim on the monument is paid.

INCREASE OF THE LIBRARY.

During the year just closed, there were added to the Library, by gift and exchange, 440 volumes, 111 periodicals, and 676 pamphlets.

Many of the volumes received are of unusual interest and importance.

From the year's contributions, a number of sets were completed, but we are constantly losing golden opportunities to increase and improve the Library, for the want of means.

A full list of the donors of bound volumes, and the number contributed by each, will be found appended to this report.

The cataloguing of the various collections, ordered a year ago, has been pursued steadily, and the prospective completion of the work will bring to light all the treasures of the Society.

NEWSPAPERS.

This collection is growing rapidly. The additions for the year were 74 bound volumes.

Of this number 44 volumes of the Albany Evening Journal, during the war period, was the noble gift of Mr. W. C. Moore; 14 volumes of the Nation were donated by Frank W. Abbott, M. D., and one volume Buffalo Morning Express, from the publishers; the balance by binding. Seven dailies and four weekly newspapers were also contributed by the local press.

The thanks of the Society are due to the proprietors for numerous courtesies, and for copies of their papers.

A very large number of single newspapers, containing historical, biographical, and antiquarian articles, have also been received, filed, and indexed.

Thirteen of them relating to the war of 1812, were the gift of the late Lyman C. Draper, LL. D., Madison, Wisconsin, and are of special local interest.

The accumulation of our splendid collection of newspaper history will be more appreciated as time rolls on. Even now, this branch of our library is more extensively used than any other.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

This Society was honored with an invitation from the Massachusetts Historical Society, to send a delegate on the occasion of the celebration at the Arlington Street Church, Boston, of the One Hundredth Anniversary of its formation, January 24, 1891.

The invitation was accepted, and the Hon. James O. Putnam was appointed to represent the Society on that memorable occasion.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership has been increased during the year, by 23 elections.

The Membership Roll of the Society at the present time may be expressed as follows: 102 Life, 253 Corresponding, 20 Honorary, and 279 Resident, of which 202 are paying members, as against 218 last year.

Attempts were made to increase the membership, but the result was not very satisfactory.

The Society has had a place in the community for thirty years, and yet there seems to be a wide-spread ignorance of its objects and work, on the part of those who it cannot be doubted would gladly become members if they were solicited, and the objects and condition of the Society properly represented.

We cordially welcome anyone to our ranks, who desires to become a fellow-worker with us.

Lady residents are eligible to membership, and are also kindly invited to become identified with the Society and its interests.

OUR PORTRAIT GALLERY.

The collection of portraits has been enlarged by many valuable additions. Of these the most notable are two, donated by the Hon. Nelson K. Hopkins; one a true and reliable portrait in oil, life size, of Daniel Webster, taken at the time the Steamboat, "Daniel Webster" was launched in the city of Buffalo, in 1836. He was then the guest of Mr. Hiram Pratt.

The other is a fine crayon, life size, of Gov. John A. Dix, taken while he was Governor of New York in 1874.

Mr. Albert A. Hartzell presents a portrait, in oil, life size, of his father, the late Rev. Dr. J. Hazard Hartzell. The portrait is very life-like and characteristic of that brilliant orator and scholar.

Mr. Alpheus Reynolds contributes two portraits in oil; one of his brother, the late Hiram H. Reynolds, M.

D., and the other of Mrs. Mary Reynolds Dibble, wife of R. E. Dibble, an old-time druggist in Buffalo.

Also a cabinet photo. of John W. Davock, born in Buffalo, and Lieutenant in 21st Regiment N. Y. S. Volunteers. A handsome photo., life size, of the late John S. Lytle, one of our old respected business men, was the gift of his son, Mr. Albert T. Lytle.

A life-size crayon of David Tucker, presented by himself.

Portraits of those associated with our history will be welcomed and preserved by this Society.

In many ways the gallery has been improved, and it is now, more than ever before, the resort of members and friends.

Gifts to the albums and portfolios of the Society were received from the Hon. Peter A. Porter, Niagara Falls, N. Y., Wm. C. Bryant and Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, of Chicago, Ills.

VISITORS.

The rooms of the Society were open to the public free, during the past year, and 24,591 visitors were received.

Its archives were accessible on all secular days for reference or consultation, and a large number availed themselves of the privileges offered by the Society, and generally found what they wanted.

During the year numerous parties were assisted in genealogical research, and talks were also given at the rooms by appointment, to Literary Circles, on historical subjects.

There is of late an increased interest manifested in historical studies, and our collections, which are wonderfully fascinating, and in the highest degree interesting and instructive, have been very helpful to many students, and they have left upon our register their grateful testimonials.

All of which is good evidence that the efforts of the Society are appreciated by many of our citizens to the utmost.

NUMISMATICS.

The gifts to our Numismatic Cabinet have been the largest and most valuable ever received in one year by the Society, comprising a total of 287 separate pieces of gold, silver, brass, nickel, bronze, and copper coins. They also include two medals, one in white metal, of the Buffalo Monument, erected in memory of our soldiers and sailors, unveiled July 4th, 1884, and the other of bronze, struck to commemorate the presentations of colors to the Birmingham Loyal Associations, England, June 4th, 1778.

The late William Dana Fobes, of Lewiston, and Mr. Samuel T. Russell, of Ilion, N. Y., were the largest contributors of the year to this department.

A detailed statement of the donors and their gifts is appended to this report.

THE RED JACKET MONUMENT.

It affords us much pleasure to record the completion of a suitable memorial of the Great Indian Orator and Patriot, Red Jacket.

Previous Annual Reports have given some account of efforts to erect an enduring monument on the beautiful spot, in Forest Lawn, kindly donated by the Cemetery Association, where, eight years ago, his remains, with those of other distinguished members of his departed race, were deposited by this Society.

Our Report for 1890 told how the long-sought means for doing it had all been furnished by the generous gift of one of our lady members, who was too modest and unassuming to allow her name to be made public.

October, 1st, 1890, a committee was appointed to contract for and superintend the work. It consisted of Messrs. Wm. C. Bryant, Geo. S. Hazard, J. C. Greene, M.D., Wm. K. Allen, Hon. Elias S. Hawley and Julius H. Dawes; Mr. Thomas B. French, being added to it in September, 1891. Of this committee Mr. Bryant was Chairman and Mr. Dawes Secretary.

After a number of plans and models had been submitted by different sculptors, one furnished by Mr. J. G. C. Hamilton, of Cleveland, Ohio, was adopted, and a contract was made with him for the erection of the monument, to be finished the first day of September last.

As so often happens in such undertakings, however, many delays occurred which were very vexatious at the

MONUMENT AND BRONZE STATUE OF RED JACKET, ERECTED IN FOREST LAWN CEMETERY, BUFFALO, N. Y., BY THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1891.

J. G. C. HAMILTON, SCULPTOR.

time, but possibly unavoidable, and it was not until after the middle of December that the whole imposing and artistic structure was complete.

It consists of a spirited bronze statue of Red Jacket, 11 1-2 feet high, standing on a fine and well proportioned pedestal of Westerly Rhode Island granite, 14 1-2 feet in height. Designing the monument and modeling the statue was done by Mr. Hamilton, and he sub-let the granite work to Mr. J. Carrabeli, of Cleveland, the bronze work to Messrs. Bureau Brothers, of Philadelphia, Pa., and the putting the whole in place, on a foundation which this Society prepared in 1884, to Mr. John Crawford, of this city, all of whom executed their respective parts with creditable taste and skill.

We regard the completed monument as a most gratifying success; *financially*, as having been finished and paid for within the limits of our original estimate; *Artistic*, in its fine proportions and graceful outlines; and *Historic*, in its faithful reproduction of the features and habiliments of the great Chieftan.

Ceremonies of unveiling and dedication were planned and partially provided for, when it was expected that the work would be finished while the season would permit them to be held in the open air; they are now postponed until the recurrence of fine weather next spring, or in early summer.

PAPERS READ.

The opening lecture of our Annual Course was delivered Feb. 2d, 1891, by the Rev. Frank S. Fitch, on "The Blue Laws of Connecticut, True and False."

The second lecture was by the Rev. Dr. William S. Hubbell, Feb. 16th, Subject, "The History of Fort Erie, and the Niagara Frontier."

The third lecture was by the Rev. Dr. A. T. Chester, March 2d, Subject, "The History and Reminiscences of the Buffalo Ministers' Meeting."

The fourth and closing lecture was by Mr. Julius H. Dawes, on "The Yellowstone Park."

Our public gatherings every two weeks during the winter months were well attended, and the papers read were of marked historic value. Our thanks are due to the gentlemen who have prepared papers, and generously contributed them to the archives of the Society.

Would that we were able to publish the Society's collections, which still remain in manuscript.

BEQUESTS.

We acknowledge gratefully the following bequests, to this Society in the past year: Five thousand dollars, by the late Hon. Jonathan Scoville, of this city, and five hundred dollars by the late Mr. Michael Hutchinson, of the town of Eden, in this county.

These bequests were prompted by a clear knowledge of the nature and importance of the work we have undertaken, and are substantial proofs of their interest in its prosperity.

NECROLOGY OF THE YEAR.

It is sad to be obliged to chronicle the death of so many of our members during the past year, who have heretofore lent us their aid and influence.

Hon. George Bancroft,
Hon. Jonathan Scoville,
Benjamim U. Keyser,
Rev. Frederick Frothingham,
Elisha T. Smith,
Edward L. Stevenson,
Gibson T. Williams,
Josiah Beardsley,
Judge Thomas Corlett,
George N. Burwell, M. D.,
Emmor Haines,
Charles H. Erwin,
Erastus D. Dart,
Abner Cutler,
William Dana Fobes,
Benson J. Lossing,
Ex Vice-President, Hannibal Hamlin,
John Greiner,
Allen G. Bigelow,
Lyman C. Draper, LL. D.,
William H. Hersee,
James Parton,
Robert Greer.

The death of Emmor Haines, followed in a few days by that of William Dana Fobes, *two* of our late *Presidents*, were appropriately noticed at Special Meetings of the Society, on May 23rd and June 4th, when resolutions of respect were adopted, and obituary sketches prepared for the city papers.

THE GENERAL ROOT COLLECTION.

General Adrian R. Root has presented the Society with a handsome walnut cabinet, eight feet high, with glazed doors and sides, containing his entire collection of mementoes of the late war of the rebellion, fifty-three in number and properly described.

This collection is decidedly the largest and most valuable donation of the kind the Society has ever received, and will prove a most important acquisition to our Museum.

A complete list of these relics and their history will be given upon application to this Society.

For this very rare and choice contribution the Society returns to this surviving officer of the war its grateful thanks, mingled with sincere sympathies for his declining health.

INDIAN MEMORIALS.

Much attention has for many years been devoted by this Society to the collection, preservation and study of such objects as relate to the aboriginal inhabitants of America, and particularly of our own State. To aid us in our work in this department, the late Hon. Jonathan Scoville put us in possession of a very rare and valuable collection of Ute and Navajoe curiosities, seventy-three in number, most of them elaborately ornamented, consisting of blankets, leggins, moccasins, water bottles, pipes, money bags, beads, rings, bracelets, buttons, and numerous other articles and ornaments which are worn by them in their daily life. An elegant

cabinet, nine feet high and nine feet long, has been provided for their exhibition.

Lovers of the Red Men will find many things in this collection to linger over with enduring pleasure; it will show the student the advances made in the arts of war and peace, and illustrate the life and customs of the aboriginal inhabitants of this continent.

This handsome gift received a special acknowledgment from your Board at a meeting held Feb. 3d, 1891, in the following memorandum and resolution offered by Mr. Bryant, which were unanimously adopted.

"The Buffalo Historical Society, having been afforded an opportunity to acquire by purchase a very rare and valuable collection of Aboriginal Relics, desires to place upon record its grateful sense of obligation to the Hon. Jonathan Scoville, for contributing the funds which enabled it to do so.

"Without preliminary argument or solicitation, and with the promptitude and grace which characterize all the donor's princely benefactions, the gift was made to the Society.

"*Resolved*, That a suitable case be provided for these precious relics, and that the collection be labelled and hereafter designated as 'The Jonathan Scoville Collection of Ute and Navajo Curiosities,' and that a copy of this memorandum and resolution be transmitted by the Secretary to our generous and distinguished fellow-member."

We have also received from Mr. Brownell, of New York City, a rare portrait of "Old King Hendrick," a

Mohawk celebrity, painted on glass in 1740, by an artist in London, upon the order of his majesty, George II.

The facts about the subject of this picture will be found in a note appended to this report.

NOTE—Old Hendrick was born somewhere from 1680 to 1690. His aboriginal name was never known, but he was called by the name given him by the English.

Not only as a great Sachem, but also as a diplomatist and orator he was especially famous. In early life he lived at the "Upper Castle" of the Mohawk, Canajoharie, but afterwards on the north side of the Mohawk, a little below the residence of Major Jellis Fonda, near a place then and now called "The Nose." His greatest speech was delivered July 2d, 1754, in the name and on behalf of the Six Nations, in reply to a speech made by the Lieutenant-Governor of New York. On September 8th, 1755, little more than a year later, Old Hendrick was slain in the battle of Lake George.

It was on the occasion of Old Hendrick's second visit to the British Sovereign in 1740, that his majesty, George II., presented him with a rich suit of clothes such as was worn at court at that time.

Clad in this court dress, yet with his war paint on, his portrait was painted by order of the King, by a London artist.

Some colored engravings of this painting were made according to Schoolcraft, and were sent to America.

The engravings are now very rare. One was known in 1845 to exist in the family of the late Jeremiah Lansing, at Albany.

But nowhere is there a record found of a copy on glass in colors of this painting, such as this Society has just secured, by gift, from Mr. Brownell, of New York City.

It is evidently copied directly from the royal portrait, and we have no reason to doubt its genuineness.

The picture is that of an Indian Chief, of strong character, in blue coat, with gold braid and Brussels lace, and with blue colonial hat, holding a battle-axe in his hand. Much of the blue of the coat has disappeared from the glass, and the back of the frame does duty in its place.

The glass is cracked, but not to spoil the portrait. The picture, which has been in the Brownell family in Massachussets nearly a century and a half, and been treasured by some eight generations thereof, is supposed to have been brought from London to this country by an ancestor of Mr. Brownell, who presents the picture; this ancestor was captain of a merchantman about the middle of the last century.

This interesting picture, which is about ten by thirteen inches in size, is in the old frame, which has been so long treasured as part of a family heirloom.

Underneath the picture, in lettering of the bygone century, appear the words: "The Brave Old Hendrick, the Great Sachem or Chief of the Mohawk Indians, one of the Six Nations in Alliance with and subject to the King of Great Britain.

The entire picture and frame has been set in a new glass-covered frame and placed with rare treasures of the Society's collection, where it can be enjoyed by all.

A fine colored lithograph, framed, of the late Sitting Bull, a famous Sioux Chief, was contributed by Wm. C. Bryant.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The year just closed has been distinguished by good success in all the *other branches* of our collection, notably, the gifts of historical documents and pictures, framed, particularly the fine etching on glass covered with gilt bronze, by Judge Theodore G. Hulett, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and the official bird's-eye view of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, Ills., donated by the Hon. Benjamin Butterworth.

The many war relics. The valuable additions to the stamp and currency collections. The rare autographs contributed by the Hon. James O. Putnam, the Hon. Nelson K. Hopkins, John A. McAllister, Philadelphia, Pa., and George P. Wilkins, and of our deceased citizens who were prominent in their day. The historical manuscripts, including an autobiography under seal, to be opened on the event of decease of its author. The large number of historical relics and curios, many of them very rare, especially those presented by Mrs. E. M. Lathrop, Charles S. Gibson, Frederick K. Mixer and Chauncey Pelton Smith.

Natural History specimens, numerous maps and atlases and valuable museum additions.

As time will not permit us to particularize these accessions, the full list of contributors and gifts will accompany and form part of this report.

CONCLUSION.

It will be seen from the foregoing brief report that the past year has been as fruitful of good results as any previous year,

We are grateful to Sister Societies and the many kind friends who have contributed the articles reported, which have enabled us to place on record the result of a year's successful and efficient work.

And as the Society enters in its grand career, upon the labors of another year, we trust it will receive the countenance and co-operation of all its friends, and that they will extend to the Society their membership, influence and effort in behalf of its *noble work* to *preserve* the *history*, and *commemorate* the *deeds* of our *citizens*.

The report was unanimously accepted and adopted, and upon motion of Mr. Hawley 1,800 copies were ordered printed.

Upon motion of Mr. Bryant, the Chairman appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. William C. Bryant, Hon. Elias S. Hawley, James Tillinghast and George W. Townsend, to make nominations for officers for the ensuing year.

The committee reported the following nominations:

President—George S. Hazard.

Vice-President—Julius H. Dawes.

Recording Secretary—George W. Townsend.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian and Treasurer—Geo. G. Barnum.

Councillors—Joseph C. Greene, M. D., James Tillinghast, Andrew Langdon, Martin Clark, Hon. Elias S. Hawley, Josiah Letchworth, Ellis Webster, William K. Allen, W. H. H. Newman, Merritt Nichols, Rev. Dr. A. T. Chester, Isaac Geiershofer, Albert H. Briggs, M. D., Henry W. Hill, William C. Bryant.

Moved that the report be received and adopted, and that the Secretary cast the ballot for the gentlemen nominated for the respective offices, and that any member wishing to do so could vote in person.

Upon the ballot taken the gentlemen nominated by the committee were declared elected.

The following resolution was then introduced and without discussion duly passed:

"*Resolved*, That our honored brother, James Tillinghast, Esq., be appointed chairman of a committee, to advise and report concerning the feasibility of purchasing a lot or lot and building, which may meet the present and future wants of the Society, and that he be at liberty to associate with him such members of the Society to serve with him on said committee as he may deem wise and advisable, and report to this Society at the next regular meeting."

Dr. Greene, the retiring President, read the following address:

Ladies and Gentlemen, and Members of the Buffalo Historical Society:

It has ever been the custom of this Society to exact an address from the retiring President; perforce of that unwritten law, I stand before you this evening with no other intent than to emphasize some points brought out by the elaborate report of our honored Corresponding Secretary, Mr. George G. Barnum. At this point I wish to bear testimony to his ability and unwavering devotion to the interests of our Society, and the community at large.

One thing is especially noticeable in this year's report. I refer to the large number of books and valuable pictures, as well as the Scoville Indian collection, showing conclusively that our Society holds a deservedly high place in the hearts of our citizens.

RED JACKET MONUMENT.

The dream of past years has been accomplished, in the erection of a suitable monument in Forest Lawn over the remains of Red Jacket, one of the greatest orators of the Iroquois. The effort has not passed into successful accomplishment without a challenge. All honor to her whose generosity and liberal patriotism has made it possible for this Society to honor the dead Chieftain. But let me admonish everyone within the

sound of my voice, while we are especially anxious to honor the dead Aborigines, we must not forget to be just to the living.

PERMANENT FUND.

During the year just passed our permanent fund has been increased five thousand from the estate of the late Hon. Jonathan Scoville, who was a steadfast friend of the Society, and five hundred dollars from the estate of Mr. Michael Hutchinson, making now the snug sum of thirty-three thousand dollars.

Allow me to suggest for your consideration the advisability of the immediate purchase of a lot in the heart of the city, for the erection of a suitable building for this Society before the advance of real estate makes it impossible with our limited means. If this could be accomplished it would save to the Society five hundred dollars a year, that is now paid to the Library.

The organizers of this Society in 1862 are now gone, each one of whom was of special mark in his way. "They builded but not better than they knew," for they were men far-sighted and evinced a laudable pride in providing for the future and wresting from oblivion the records of the past.

Shall we let their mantle trail in the dust? or rather bear it manfully upon our shoulders handing it down as an heir-loom to coming generations. In order to accomplish the greatest good for this Society it seems to me that some means should be resorted to, in order to awaken the general public to its aims and needs.

We should have at least five hundred active resident members at five dollars each, annual dues, which is only one-half the amount charged by the New York Historical Society. This would give us a sum sufficient to enable the Society to publish its papers, which are invaluable, but at present pigeon-holed; and purchase valuable historical works which must be had before our Library will be complete.

I have compiled a statement of the fees of six leading Historical Societies, including our own, which I will now, with your permission, read:

Long Island Historical Society.

Initiation Fee	$ 10 00
Annual Dues	5.00
Life Membership	100.00

Southern California Historical Society.

Annual Dues	$ 5.00
Life Membership	100.00

New York Historical Society.

Initiation Fee	$ 20.00
Annual Dues	10.00
Life Membership	100.00

Massachusetts Historical Society.

Initiation Fee	$ 25 00
Annual Dues	10.00
Life Membership	150.00

Chicago Historical Society.

Initiation Fee	$ 25.00
Annual Dues	25 00
Life Membership	300.00
Honorary Life Membership	500.00

Buffalo Historical Society.

No initiation or Honorary Life Membership Fees.

Annual Dues.....$ 5.00

Life Membership..... 50.00

To accomplish the end desired, we again beg to suggest the advisability of a radical change in the election of the officers of the Society. Now, a nominating committee is appointed by the President, and the names brought in and ratified by the Society, which, perhaps, was the best way in the past. But have we not arrived at a point where we can step to a higher plane and make the change for the benefit of all concerned?

Instead of the present method, would it not be better to put two tickets in the field for the suffrages of the members, similar to the methods adopted by our Sister Societies? It seems to me that something of this kind would awaken a deeper interest in the Society, and would absorb some of the nineteenth century blood which now goes coursing past.

We would respectfully ask those of our citizens who avail themselves of the privileges offered by our Society, whose records are free to all, to enroll themselves as members, and in this way contribute to its support; especially the members of the three learned professions should be liberal supporters of this Society. It is true that our city is a commercial city, our business men standing high as financiers throughout the country. The magic word is Money, Money. But our city is growing rapidly, and soon we will number one-half mil-

lion, and, of necessity, will soon become a center of learning; and it is imperative that we fully realize this important fact, that the Buffalo Historical Society is one of the institutions of our city founded to last into the distant future, coining history from year to year.

VISITORS.

We cheerfully welcome all strangers visiting our city to avail themselves of the advantages offered by our Society. The great increase of visitors from year to year, eighteen thousand in 1890 to twenty-five thousand in 1891, attests the interest taken by our citizens and strangers from all parts of the world.

In conclusion, I wish to tender many thanks to the Board of Managers for their uniform kindness and courtesy to me during my term of office, and permit me to say that I am reminded that History never repeats, that opportunities neglected or allowed to pass unheeded, seldom, if ever, return. Therefore, when I review the work accomplished during the past year, or during my administration, it is with some regrets on my part that more could not have been realized.

FLAG PRESENTATION.

Major Geo. H. Stowits then, on behalf of the 100th Regiment, presented to the Society the Flags received by them from the Board of Trade in 1862, and carried by them through the battles of the rebellion, in the following able address:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, and Members of the "Buffalo Historical Society":

At the fifth annual reunion of the Veteran Association of the One Hundredth Regiment, held in this city July 4th, 1891, it was resolved, on motion of Captain Charles H. Rauert, that the flags now on deposit in the care of the "Historical Society," and which were presented to the Regiment by the "Buffalo Board of Trade," subsequent to its adoption by that body, be made a permanent gift, that their sacred remnants may be protected from future spoliation, which has eventuated in their removal on several occasions, as can be clearly seen in their present tattered and torn condition. Following a free expression of opinions from several members of the Association, the resolution was adopted, and a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the formal presentation of the flags. The President, John F. Diehl, appointed as such committee Messrs. G. H. Stowits, D. D. Nash, and C. H. Rauert, of Buffalo; Captain Timothy Lynch, of Batavia, and Comrade William Sheldon, of Rochester.

It was thought that the annual meeting of the "Historical Society," if agreeable to its officers, would be the most favorable time to make the presentation of these emblems of service, endeared to every veteran who did service in their defense.

As chairman of the committee delegated to recite in brief the history of these flags, I will say that the "Buffalo Board of Trade," in a loyal spirit, impressed with the imperative needs of the nation and the weakened con-

dition of its armies during the summer of 1862, after the dire disasters of the Peninsular campaign, sought for a channel through which they might operate with material aid for the increase and support of the soldiery in the field, concluded that since the "One Hundredth Regiment," a home organization, had been decimated with great loss at "Fair Oaks," they would assume the patriotic task and expense of recruiting its ranks, preserve it from consolidation, that with its identity continued, it might add to its honorable record, as known to every citizen interested in its history, during the momentous struggle, in which the regiment did its full share of service in battle, to establish forever the union of these States, and the honor of the flag.

How well these loyal men with their liberal contributions of money, through their patriotic, earnest, devoted and untiring President, Mr. George S. Hazard, executed their assumed obligations, and great trust, is history undisputed, and was a grand success. They became the Fathers of the regiment, and their President the one man, to whom officers and privates, their wives, widows and children, all appealed for aid and redress of grievances; that seemed to come to them at home, and on the tented field.

The nucleus of the regiment was encamped at Gloucester Point, Va., while being recruited, and as one of the many thoughtful acts of the Board of Trade, after the addition of several hundred men, and the appointment of the Rev. J. B. Linn as Chaplain, the Board purchased a Regimental Flag and commissioned

the Chaplain to present the same to the regiment. George B. Dandy, of the Regular Army, had recently been appointed its Colonel, and the arrival of a bright, new flag was made an occasion of special rejoicing. Nov. 14, 1862, the men were ordered in line at "parade rest," as witnesses to the interesting ceremony.

Chaplain Linn, then and there, with the "Stars and Stripes" in hand, as a text, made his first speech and preached his first sermon, announcing his mission in words replete with sentiments of patriotism, to defend the Flag, and not disappoint their friends at home, nor their country, whose hopes rested upon their courage and valor, in its hour of peril. Colonel Dandy responded in terms expressive of its acceptance, reminding his command, both officers and men, of their several duties and obligations to their benefactors, the members of the "Buffalo Board of Trade," the defense and protection of the flag just received, and a cultivation of their self-respect as soldiers and men.

The exercises were impressive in character, and closed with cheers for the chaplain, the Buffalo Board of Trade and the colonel commanding.

In the tragic and bloody charge on Battery Wagner these colors were planted on the fort by Sergeant Flanders, of Co. "A," who was killed in their defense. Corporal Spooner, of the same company, secured and saved them, soiled and torn, for the future use of the regiment.

In the opening of the year 1864, after nearly a year's residence on the islands in front of Charleston, Chap-

lain Linn was made the bearer a second time of a stand of colors, National and State, the munificent gift of the fathers of the regiment, which for beauty and value were magnificent and unequalled.

These colors were gladdening to behold. At a cost of more than seven hundred dollars, they were all that material, taste and art combined could produce.

A minute description of these colors may be found in the records of the regiment, compiled by Mr. Hazard, and accessible to all seeking knowledge of the deeds of its valorous men and officers, and what was accomplished by the "Board of Trade," to give it life, spirit and numbers, for its efficient service in the field.

There it is, a colossal volume, a monument to the compiler and the regiment, the service of which, in all the details, is there inscribed.

At "Dress Parade," on Morris Island, January 10, 1864, the regiment being formed in a hollow square, Chaplain Linn once more appeared and stood beneath the folds of the stand of colors, just mentioned, the drapery of which nearly enveloped him as he talked to the soldiery, inspired with sentiments suggested by the environment, and the possible defense of these colors in battle, as their loss would be the regiment's dishonor.

Major Daniel D. Nash, then in command of the regiment, Col. Dandy being absent in Buffalo, on recruiting service, responded to the remarks of the Chaplain in appropriate words, accepting the fine and costly colors, and assuring the Chaplain, that the donors would never

have cause to blush, for a failure in their defense, but that they should ever be the rallying point when displayed in line of battle, and be the objects of constant solicitude by the entire command.

They were universally admired by officers and men of the entire body of troops encamped on Morris Island.

The Brigade Band was in attendance, and the event was one of pleasure and gratification; enjoyed as though at home, and not on that sandy and desolate isle.

These colors were cherished, as the precious treasures of the regiment, and were a stimulus to every soldier to secure that fame, which it received, as one of the "Three Hundred Fighting Regiments" of the two thousand and more engaged in the "Great Civil War," and through victory, kept unbroken the unity of these States, for which Washington was so solicitous, and for which Lincoln was a martyr.

They were borne with pride during the remainder of the war, and received their final baptism in the sanguinary charge on "Fort Gregg," in the rear of Petersburg; at which time the gallant and chivalrous, Major James H. Dandy, gave his young life as a sacrifice for the unity of the Nation.

The color bearer was shot, and Major Dandy, in pressing forward to keep the colors in view, was killed; a loss which the regiment deeply regretted, and whose brief service of command had endeared him to his comrades in arms.

Thus was it ever; our glorious banner, the "stars and stripes," was never allowed to trail in the dust, so long as a life was needed to bear it aloft amid the smoke and fire of battle.

For special gallantry, in the assault on "Fort Gregg," the colors of the regiment were presented with a splendid eagle in bronze, bearing the following inscription: Presented to the One Hundredth Regiment, New York Volunteers, by Major-General John Gibbon, Commanding Twenty-Fourth Corps, for gallant conduct in the assault on Fort Gregg, Petersburg, April 2d, 1865.

Subsequent to the muster out of the regiment at Albany, Lieut. Col. Warren Granger, Jr., handed the battle flags of the regiment over to the "Buffalo Historical Society" for safe keeping, with the following note:

BUFFALO, May 1, 1867.

"*To William C. Bryant, Esq., Secretary of the Buffalo Historical Society:*

"SIR:—Accompanying this note, I have the honor to transmit to the 'Buffalo Historical Society,' for safe keeping, the colors borne by the One Hundredth Regiment, New York Volunteers, in the campaigns before Richmond, Va., under Butler, in 1864, and Grant in 1865. There are two standards, the United States colors and those of the State of New York. In their torn and mutilated draperies, they bear memorials of many and well-contested fields. In their defense, many a soldier of the One Hundredth laid down his life. The eagle which surmounted the staff of the State colors, and which I send with the latter, was shot off by a minnie ball in the assault on Fort Gregg, Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865. On that occasion these colors

were foremost in the fight and planted on the enemy's works. They were presented to the One Hundredth Regiment by the Buffalo Board of Trade in January, 1864. Very respectfully your obedient servant,

"WARREN GRANGER, JR.,

"Late Lieut.-Col. One Hundredth, N. Y., and Brevet Col. of Volunteers."

It is impossible to express in words the love and reverence the veteran entertains for the colors of his regiment. They are at its centre, the cynosure of every soldier's eye. His pathway is illumined by its stars amid the sulphurous smoke of blood and carnage. Now view them, encased as they are. Their mission was ended at Appomattox. No more will they be seen at the front and centre as a signal for their defense, by the veterans of the "One Hundredth Regiment" Their former attractions are not visible, as when in the clear sunlight of a Southern clime, in front of the tent of the colonel commanding, or borne by the color guard to the place of the regiment's formation; they caused emotions of pride to swell the bosom of every member of that military family.

Their present appearance speaks to the heart of each veteran of the past in a language that only a veteran can understand. In silence he bows his head in thought and memory of the scenes in that internecine strife, which they represent. Every atom, in each shred, is precious in his sight; and that these shreds and atoms may be kept and preserved from the touch of vandal hands, as long as they shall hold together, to

meet the eager gaze of the generations to follow, we, the committee, representatives of the Veteran Association of the One Hundredth Regiment, do present these flags to the Buffalo Historical Society, where they now are, and where we consent they shall remain; that their identity may be secured, and the hands of the spoiler may never reach them more.

Most cheerfully and gladly, Mr. President, do we announce this gift; conscious that they are not lost to us, since in memory, and in fact, they will ever be seen, so long as a single thread shall indicate that it once aided to make its entirety, that supremely brilliant stand of colors, presented to the One Hundredth Regiment by the Buffalo Board of Trade, during the darkest days of the Rebellion.

Emerson says: "America is only another name for opportunity. It is God's final effort in behalf of the human race."

Since the birth of this Nation, a little more than a hundred years ago, it has been demonstrated at great cost of blood and treasure that this people are able in wisdom and in strength to hold its integral parts together. The flag symbolizes liberty, justice, free thought and free speech; and what this people are now to do is to make good citizens of the millions now, and to be, and not scholars all, but broad-minded, intelligent and industrious citizens, devoted to country, its institutions and the flag; ready, at all times, to sacrifice their lives, if need be at their country's call, that the flag, the glorious stars and stripes, may wave and float

over all the land and around the world in honor and in peace.

The applause that greeted the address was the best testimonial to Major Stowits' good work as the historian of the regiment. The response to the address and of acceptance of the perpetual care of the battle-worn flags by President George S. Hazard, of the Historical Society, was full of the same deeply patriotic feelings which inspired its author when, as President of the Board of Trade in 1862, he was a leader in the movement which resulted in the adoption of the Hundredth Regiment as the special charge and pride of the Board, and was as follows:

MR. HAZARD'S RESPONSE.

Veterans of the One Hundredth Regiment, members of the Buffalo Historical Society, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The honor has fallen upon me to respond to the interesting and graphic historical record of our good friend, the distinguished Major of the One Hundredth Regiment, and in the name, and for the Buffalo Historical Society, to accept at his hands, and those of his gallant comrades here assembled, and many others who are absent in person, but present in spirit, the war-worn flags of the ever-to-be-remembered and honored Buffalo Board of Trade Regiment, the One Hundredth New York State Volunteers.

The Buffalo Historical Society gratefully accepts these memorials, which express in tones more eloquent than words the thunder of the battle's strife and slaughter, and the pure and fervent patriotism of the members of that regiment as a sacred trust, to be safely guarded and transmitted to generations yet to be.

These precious relics of battles, at which "all the world wondered," stir the leaves of memory, and we look back to the time when the iron hand of war knocked at our gates, and the pavements of our streets resounded with the tramp of sturdy men marching to the front. When the hearts of many despaired of overcoming the most formidable and iniquitous rebellion ever conceived in the heart of man. So sudden and well planned was that infamous conspiracy that many of our strongholds, forts, arsenals, and war material were ruthlessly seized.

The national flag was trampled and spit upon. Foes pervaded every public department at home, and with enemies abroad threatened to overthrow the very foundations of our national institutions.

The Government, powerless in its defenceless condition, without an army or war material, appealed to the patriotism of the country, and thousands of loyal hearts responding with cheerful alacrity sprang to the rescue. And you, valiant veterans of the Hundredth Regiment with a noble patriotism were among the foremost to volunteer, even at the sacrifice of your lives, to defend the majesty of the law and perpetuate the Union and institutions of our beloved country.

In the providence of the Supreme Ruler of Nations you fought, conquered and permanently established results far superior to the apparent issues of the war. You were sustaining the best government for mankind that ever existed, and which has become and will continue a living and permanent example to all the nations of the earth, and will in God's good time establish a higher and nobler civilization than the world has ever known.

This country owes a debt of gratitude which can never be sufficiently repaid to the generous and unselfish patriotism of those who, forsaking their homes and all that was dear, endured hardship and untold peril and privation on battlefields, toilsome marches, bivouacking without shelter and often without bread, exposed by night and by day to a vigilant and relentless enemy, never complaining, always ready to "fall in" and go forward with their flag "Into the Valley of Death."

"Ah! never shall the land forget
How gushed the life blood of her brave—
Gushed warm with hope and courage yet,
Upon the soil they sought to save."

Time will not permit me to dwell upon the many salient points of marked heroism which distinguished your regiment. Its fearless and untiring valor was proverbial in the Army of the Potomac. The hard-fought and bloody battlefields of Fair Oaks, Williamsburg, Bottoms Bridge, Malvern Hill, Wagner, Drury's Bluff, New Market, Petersburg, and last, at great loss of life, the terrific storming and capture of Fort Gregg, which

took place only seven days before the final surrender at Appomattox.

These and many other deadly conflicts bear testimony to the gallant conduct of the Hundredth Regiment, and mark the spot where too many of your lion-hearted comrades "sleep their last sleep where they fought their last battle."

> "On fame's eternal camping ground
> Their silent tents are spread,
> And glory guards with solemn round
> The bivouac of the dead."

The applause which had greeted the speaker when he took his place beside the flags was repeated, with reinforcements when he concluded his eloquent address.

The thanks of the Society were presented to the retiring president, Dr. Greene, for the able and zealous manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office.

President Hazard was then escorted to the chair by James Tillinghast and Thomas B. French, and as he clasped the hand of Dr. Greene appropriate words of welcome and godspeed were spoken by the retiring and incoming presiding officers.

It was resolved that the addresses of presentation and reception of the battle flags be printed with the Annual Report.

The meeting was then adjourned.

CONTRIBUTIONS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1891.

Abbott, F. W., M. D., Buffalo.: 16 volumes.
Academy of Science Publishing Co., Kansas City, Mo.: 8 journals.
American Bankers' Association, New York City.: 1 pamphlet.
American Congregational Association, Boston, Mass : 1 pamphlet.
American Society for the Extension of University Teaching, Philadelphia, Pa.: 4 journals.
Armstrong, Thomas H., Detroit, Mich.: 1 autograph letter and an old receipt.

Ball, Nicholas, Block Island, R. I.: 1 pamphlet.
Barber Asphalt Paving Co., Buffalo: 1 volume photographs.
Barnum, Clara, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.: 1 paper.
Barnum, Geo. G., Buffalo: 7 silver and copper coins, memorial of John Brown, 1 large picture frame, 1 pedestal, 1 rug, 1 settee, 2 chairs, 1 pamphlet.
Barnum, Geo. G., Jr., Duluth, Minn.: 1 volume and 1 pamphlet.
Bayard, W. E., Cortland, N. Y.: 1 U. S. copper coin 1798.
Benjamin, Walter R., New York City: 1 magazine.
Bigelow, Hon. John, New York City: 1 volume.
Birch's, Thomas, Sons, Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 volume.
Bishop, Hon. Charles F., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
Bixby, James W., Buffalo: 17 papers and 1 portrait.
Bluestein, W., Buffalo: 1 Russian copper coin.
Boston City Hospital, Boston, Mass.: 1 volume.
Bostonian Society, Boston, Mass.: 8 pamphlets.
Bourinot, John George, C. M. G., LL. D., Ottawa, Ont.: 1 pamphlet.
Boyd, Geo. W., Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 pamphlet.
Boyle, David, Toronto, Ont : 1 pamphlet.
Brandel, Philip, Buffalo: 1 silver and 5 American copper coins.
Brownell, Isaac W., New York City : 1 portrait and 3 papers.
Bryant, Wm. C., Buffalo: 1 volume, 9 journals, 1 pamphlet, 1 picture, 1 easel 2 portraits, 1 picture frame.
Buell, J. S., Buffalo: 1 manuscript.
Buffalo Board of Health: 10 statements of mortality.

Buffalo Board of Police: 1 pamphlet.
Buffalo Board of Trade: 1 volume, 1 pamphlet, specimens of bank note engraving framed.
Buffalo City Water Works: 2 volumes.
Buffalo College of Pharmacy: 1 pamphlet.
Buffalo Eye and Ear Infirmary: 6 pamphlets.
Buffalo Library: 4 pamphlets.
Buffalo Park Commissioners: 2 pamphlets.
Buffalo Seminary: 3 pamphlets.
Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences: 1 pamphlet.
Bugle Publishing Co., Buffalo: 9 pamphlets.
Bundy, Capt. Henry, Detroit, Mich.: 1 paper.
Burdaken, J. H., Dedham, Mass.: 3 volumes, 2 pamphlets.
Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.: 1 volume and 2 pamphlets.
Butterworth, Hon. Benjamin, Chicago, Ill.: 57 leaflets, 19 pamphlets, 1 map and 11 views.
Butler, E. H., Buffalo: Complete file *Evening News* for 1891.

Canadian Institute, Toronto, Ont.: 5 pamphlets.
Canfield, Thomas H., Burlington, Vt.: 1 volume.
Caple, Henry, Oakfield, N. Y.: Fac simile of warrant to execute Mary Queen of Scots, A. D. 1587.
Catholic Truth Society, St. Paul, Minn.: 2 pamphlets and 4 leaflets.
Cayuga County Historical Society, Auburn, N. Y.: 2 volumes.
Champlin, O. H. P., Buffalo: 4 volumes and 22 pamphlets.
Charity Organization, Buffalo: 10 pamphlets.
Chautauqua Society of History and Natural Sciences, Jamestown, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet and 2 papers.
Chester, Rev. A. T., D. D., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet and leaflet.
Chester, Carl T., Buffalo: 7 pamphlets.
Chicago Historical Society, Illinois: 1 paper, 1 leaflet and 1 pamphlet.
Chicago Public Library, Illinois: 1 pamphlet.
Cincinnati Society of Natural History, Ohio· 6 journals.
City Messenger, Boston, Mass.: 1 volume.
Civil Service Reform Association, Buffalo: 2 pamphlets.
Clarke, Major H. W., Syracuse, N. Y.: 1 volume and 12 pamphlets.
Clement, S. M., Buffalo: 1 volume.
Coann, Ezra T., Albion, N. Y.: 2 pamphlets and 1 leaflet.
Cobden Club, London, Eng.: 1 pamphlet.
Commissioners State Reservation at Niagara Falls, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.
Comstock, Mrs. Margaret, Buffalo: 1 rebel gun.

Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford: 1 pamphlet.
Conover, Hon. Geo. S., Geneva, N. Y.: 5 papers and 1 leaflet.
Converse, Mrs. H. Maxwell, New York City: 2 papers.
Cook, Mrs. Charles, Toronto, Ont.: 1 Canadian copper coin 1812.
Cook, Prof. Josiah Parsons, Cambridge, Mass.: 2 pamphlets.
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.: 1 volume and 10 pamphlets.
Cornwell, W. C., Buffalo: 4 pamphlets.
Craig, Mrs. A. F., Buffalo: 1 volume.
Crooker, James F., Buffalo: 1 volume.
Cruikshank, E., Fort Erie, Ont.: 1 pamphlet.
Curtiss, Edwin, Buffalo: 1 handsome colored lithograph, framed, and 4 volumes.
Courier Company, Buffalo: Complete file of the *Courier* for 1891.

Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica: 2 papers, 1 leaflet and 1 volume.
Davis, G. G., Cordoba Argentina: 1 volume.
Davis, Miles A., Dundee, N. Y.: 1 paper.
Dawes, Col. E. C., Cincinnati, Ohio: 4 volumes and 5 pamphlets.
Dawes, Julius H., Buffalo: 2 manuscripts, 1 volume and 25 pamphlets.
Dedham Historical Society, Mass.: 2 volumes, 18 pamphlets and 1 leaflet.
Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.: 31 volumes.
Department of State, Washington, D. C.: 3 volumes, 17 pamphlets and 1 diploma.
DePeyster, Maj-Gen. J. Watts, Tivoli, N. Y.: 2 pamphlets.
Dewey, Melvil, Albany, N. Y.: 3 leaflets.
Draper, Lyman C , LL. D., Madison, Wis.: 13 papers.
Duren, Hon. E. F., Bangor, Me.: 1 volume.

Editors *Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal:* 1 volume.
Egle, William H., M. D , Harrisburg, Pa.: 22 volumes, 1 pamphlet.
Engineering Magazine Co., New York City: 1 magazine.
Erie County Penitentiary, Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.: 14 pamphlets.
Exchange, Buffalo: 1 volume.

Farquhar, Hon. John M., Buffalo: 3 pamphlets.
Fearing, A. C , Jr., Boston, Mass.: 1 volume.
First Maine Cavalry Association, Rockland: 1 pamphlet.
Fiscus, Gustavus H., Buffalo: 1 medal.
Fobes, Wm. Dana, Lewiston, N. Y.: 1 paper, 1 medal, and 216 gold, silver and copper coins.
Freeman, Dr. S. A., Buffalo: 1 volume and 1 pamphlet.

French, Mrs. Ann, Buffalo: 1 volume.
Frick, E. S., Buffalo: 1 U. S. copper coin 1832.
Friend's Book Association, Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 pamphlet.
Friend's Book Store Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 pamphlet.
Fuller, J. Morrison, Boston, Mass.: File *Politics To-day* for 1891.

Gaertner, William, Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
Gay, Julius, Farmington, Conn.: 2 pamphlets.
Gentsch, B. F., Buffalo: statement of business done at Buffalo Post-office in 1890.
Gibson, Charles S., Buffalo: $35 Confederate paper money, muster roll of the rebel army, March, 1864, 24 army badges, 2 rebel papers, and piece 21st regimental flag.
Glen Echo Chautauqua Association, Washington, D. C.: 4 papers.
Goodwin, James J., Hartford, Conn.: 1 volume.
Graham, Judge James G., Newburg, N. Y.: 2 papers.
Graham, Ralph, Pittsburg, Pa.: 1 log cabin token, 1840.
Greene, Joseph C., M. D., Buffalo: 1 mermaid and 2 pamphlets.
Green, Hon. Samuel A., M. D., Boston, Mass.: 12 volumes, 126 pamphlets and 10 leaflets.
Greenwood, Isaac T., A. M., New York City: 1 pamphlet.
Greer, Robert, Sarasota, Florida: Phosphate and sharks' teeth taken from a pit.
Griffin, M. I. J., Philadelphia, Pa.: 7 pamphlets, 3 quarterlies and file of the *I. C. B. U. Journal* for 1891.
Griffis, Rev. Wm. Elliott, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
Grinnell, E. E., Buffalo: 1 U. S. 5-cent nickel.
Guild, Mrs. Alex. W., Buffalo: 2 papers.
Guthrie, S. S., Buffalo: 9 volumes and 1 pamphlet.

Hall, Prof. Edward W., Waterville, Me.: 1 pamphlet.
Hall, Wm. Mosley, New York City: 1 paper.
Harris, George H., Rochester, N. Y.: 4 papers.
Harrower, H. C., Buffalo: Relic of the famous old Elm tree, Boston, Mass., 1676.
Hartzell, Albert A., Buffalo: 1 volume, 1 pamphlet, 1 paper and portrait in oil of his late father, Rev. Dr. J. H. Hartzell.
Hartford Theological Seminary, Conn.: 1 volume and 2 pamphlets.
Hausauer, Plogsted & Co., Buffalo: File of *Sunday Truth* for 1891.
Hawley, Hon. Elias S., Buffalo: 1 volume.
Hayes, Rev. Charles W., D. D., Westfield: 1 volume.
Hayden, Rev. H. Edwin, Wilkesbarre, Pa.: 3 pamphlets.

Held, Mrs. Caroline C., Buffalo: File *Buffalo Demokrat* for 1891.
Held, Frank C., Buffalo: File of *Buffalo Enquirer* for 1891.
Henderson, E. E., Buffalo: 1 Chinese copper coin.
Henkels, Stan V., Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 volume, 1 pamphlet.
Heussler, R. H., Buffalo: 3 volumes.
Historical Society of South California, Los Angeles: 1 pamphlet.
Historical Society of Delaware, Wilmington: 2 pamphlets.
Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, Cincinnati: 2 pamphlets.
Hoadley, Hon. Charles J., Hartford, Conn: 1 volume.
Hopkins, Hon. Nelson K., Buffalo: 2 valuable portraits and distinguished autographs.
Horsford, Prof. Eben Norton, Cambridge, Mass.: 1 volume.
Howes, Simeon, Silver Creek, N. Y.: 2 pamphlets.
Hubble, Rev. Dr. Wm. S., Buffalo: MS. paper on "Fort Erie and the Niagara Frontier."
Huguenot Society of America, New York City: 1 volume.
Hulett, Judge Thomas G., Niagara Falls: 1 etching on glass, framed.
Hyde Park Historical Society, Massachusetts: 1 volume and 6 pamphlets.

Ihle, C., Buffalo: 3 coins, silver, copper and nickel.
Iowa State Historical Society, Iowa City: 3 pamphlets.

Jefferson County Historical Society, Watertown, N. Y.: 1 paper.
Jones, Hon. Fernando, Chicago, Ill.: 1 pamphlet.
Jones, Harry C., New York City: 1 journal.

Kansas City Publishing Co., Mo.. 1 pamphlet.
Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka: 1 pamphlet.
Keystone Publishing Co., Buffalo: 11 journals.
King, Hon. Horatio, Washington, D. C.: 2 pamphlets and 1 journal.
Kingsley, Vine Wright, New York City: 1 pamphlet.
Kingston, George, Buffalo: 5 diaries, 2 registers, and the original will of Le Grand Marvin, dated July 30, 1887.
Kimball, Arthur R., Concord, N. H.: 1 volume.

Lancaster Library, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
Langdon, Andrew, Buffalo: 2 papers.
Larkin, Frances Elberta, Buffalo: Piece Navajoe pottery.
Lathrop, Mrs. E. M., Buffalo: Cross made from the Charter Oak, tipped with gold.
Laughlin, Hon. John, Buffalo: 1 volume.
Lay, John, Buffalo: Photo. of torpedo boat, framed.
Lee, John R., Hamburgh, N. Y.: MS. autobiography.
Leib, John D., Buffalo: 2 volumes.

LeCouteulx St. Mary's Institution, Buffalo: 14 pamphlets.
Lewis, J. H., Tonawanda, N. Y.: 1 English copper farthing.
Literary and Historical Society of Quebec: 1 pamphlet.
Little, Mrs. Wm. L , Rochester, N. Y.: 1 paper.
Lockwood, Judge Stephen, Buffalo: 47 volumes.
Loomis, F. M., Buffalo: 1 volume.
Long Island Historical Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.
Los Angeles Public Library, California: 3 pamphlets.
Lytle, Albert T., Buffalo: Photo. of his late father, John S.

McAllister, John A., Philadelphia, Pa.: 5 autograph letters.
McClure, James O., Warsaw, N. Y.: A sign of Judge Skinner of Wyoming.
McRoberts, Isaac T., Buffalo: Rebel orders dated Sept. and Oct., 1864, captured by donor at Appomattox.
McPhail, Hugh, Buffalo: 1 volume.
Mack, Norman E., Buffalo: File of the *Daily Times* for 1891.
Madden, Hon. Charles J., Albany, N. Y.: 1 volume.
Maltby, W. C., Buffalo: 1 English silver coin, 3d, 1873.
Mann, Geo. E., Buffalo: 3 pamphlets.
Marshall, Charles R., Buffalo: 2 volumes.
Marvin, Mrs. Geo. L., Buffalo: 1 Hungarian bond and a drawing.
Marvin, Percy L , Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston: 2 volumes.
Matthews, Geo. E. & Co., Buffalo: 1 bound volume and file of the *Express* for 1891.
Mercantile Library Association, Baltimore, Md : 1 pamphlet.
Merchant, Mrs. Selina, Buffalo: 9 volumes, 74 pamphlets, 1 map and 3 leaflets.
Merritt, Hon. J. P., St. Catharines, Ont.: 1 volume and a poem on the battle of River Raisin, January 22, 1813.
Middlebury Historical Society, Vt.: 1 pamphlet.
Millhousey, F. T., Buffalo: 1 Chinese copper coin.
Minnesota Academy of Natural Sciences, Minneapolis: 1 pamphlet.
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul: 8 volumes and 4 pamphlets.
Miner, E. N., New York City: 3 journals.
Mixer, Frederick K., Buffalo: 73 war relics and curios.
Moon, Walter C., Buffalo: 1 map, mounted.
Moon, LeRoy H. Buffalo: 1 Austrian copper coin 1804.
Montt, Hon. Pedro, Washington, D. C.: 1 pamphlet.
Morgan, Geo. H., St. Louis, Mo.: 1 volume.
Moore, W. C., Buffalo: 44 bound volumes Albany *Evening Journal*, 1844-1866.
Morehouse, Mrs. Julia Joy, East Evans, N. Y.: 2 volumes.

Neal, A. H., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln: 2 pamphlets.
Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.: 1 pamphlet.
New England Historic and Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass.: 3 quarterlies and 1 pamphlet.
New England Magazine Corporation, Boston, Mass.: 2 magazines.
Newman, W. H. H., Buffalo: 1 volume and 9 pamphlets.
New Haven Colony Historical Society, Conn.: 1 pamphlet.
New Jersey Historical Society, Newark: 29 volumes and 38 pamphlets.
New York Historical Society, New York City: 1 volume.
New York State Library, Albany: 1 volume and 3 pamphlets.
New York State Reformatory, Elmira: 1 pamphlet.
Niagara University, Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
Nichols, D. A. A., Buffalo: 1 volume.
Nichols, Merritt, Buffalo: Invitation to the Mardi Gras, framed.
Nova Scotia Historical Society, Halifax: 1 volume and 1 pamphlet.
Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 pamphlet.

Old Colony Historical Society, Taunton, Mass.: 1 paper and 3 pamphlets.
Old Resident Historical Association, Lowell, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N. Y.: 4 leaflets, 1 pamphlet and 1 paper.
Open Court Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill.: File of the *Open Court* for 1891.

Park, Roswell, M. D, Buffalo: 18 magazines.
Pasco, W. W., New York City: 1 journal.
Porter, Hon. Peter A., Niagara Falls, N. Y.: 4 papers, 1 drawing, 2 guide books, 4 photos.
Potter, W. W., M. D., Buffalo: 6 magazines.
Pratt & Letchworth, Buffalo: 2 lithographs, framed.
Princeton College, New Jersey: 3 volumes.
Putnam, Hon. James O., Buffalo: 1 autograph letter.

Railroad Topics Company, New York City: 3 journals.
Rauert, Capt. Chas. H., Buffalo: His military record, framed.
Rathbone, Chas E., New York City: 2 volumes.
Redding, G. G., Boston, Mass: 1 paper.
Remington, C. K., Buffalo: Creton covering for fold-up chairs, 1 volume, 1 pamphlet and relics from Block House.
Reeves, Mrs. Elvira, Buffalo: specimens of envelopes used during the civil war.
Reynolds, Alpheus, Buffalo: 1 photo, framed, and 2 portraits in oil.

Reynolds Library, Rochester, N. Y.: 2 pamphlets.
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence: 1 pamphlet.
Rice, Hon. Frank, Albany, N. Y.: 1 volume.
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APPENDIX "A."

CHAPTER 297.

AN ACT to authorize and direct the Buffalo Historical Society to set apart certain funds as a Permanent Trust Fund, and to restrict the use and investment thereof.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 1888. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION I. The Board of Managers of the Buffalo Historical Society is hereby authorized to, and shall set apart as a Trust Fund, all of the moneys and the proceeds of any real property heretofore bequeathed to it. The said money and property being now held and known as the Permanent Fund of said Society; and all moneys and the proceeds of any property hereafter given, granted or bequeathed to it, excepting money or real property specifically granted or bequeathed to it, for the use and occupation, or the purposes of said Society, and excepting articles of personal property held, given, granted or bequeathed for preservation and exhibition among its archives and historical mementos, shall be added to said Trust Fund and be made and become a part thereof. Such fund shall be designated as the "Permanent Trust Fund."

SEC. II. The principal of such Trust Fund and all additions thereafter made thereto, shall not be used by said Society or any of its officers for any purpose; but the income thereof, or so much as may be necessary, may be devoted to and used for the purposes of said Society.

SEC. III. The said Trust Fund shall be invested in the following interest-bearing securities: Bonds of the United States of America; bonds of the State of New York; bonds of the City of Buffalo; bonds of the County of Erie; and bonds of individuals, secured by first mortgages upon real estate, situate in the State of New York, worth at least double the amount secured to be paid by the bond accompanying the mortgage.

SEC. IV. Any manager or other officer of said Society who shall vote for or consent to the misapplication of said Trust Fund, or any part thereof, or any part of the income thereof, or to the investment of any part thereof, except as hereinbefore provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. V. This Act shall take effect immediately.

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